



ALTA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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General Assembly Minutes

March 31, 2021

Board members in attendance: Christina Wright, President, acting Treasurer; Cheryl Dozier, Secretary; and Matt Garcia, Director-at-large. Absent: Andrea Alfaro, Vice President

Other Attendees: See page 2.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The General Assembly approved the minutes from the March 31, 2021. Christina provided information on the status of AVNA funds as of end of March 2021.

Old Business:

Traffic Islands. Work on the traffic islands was delayed to due to the winter storm. Christina said thanks to neighbors near the traffic islands who are working on transforming them. Our Adopt-a-Spot signs are in place and the new owner of 435 W. Kings Highway has been helping with mowing, weeding, and watering. AVNA also received a donation in honor of the tribe that lived in the vicinity of San Pedro Springs Park.

Large Area Rezoning. Christina provided background information on the LAR task force. She described the implications of incorrect zoning for property owners and the neighborhood. It is important these issues are corrected prior to transitioning from the current Midtown Sector plan to the future Near North Sector Plan.

Property Taxes. AVNA received a presentation from BCAD on how to protest property tax increases, which was also shared on Facebook and eblast. The organization My City, My Home will provide additional information in a presentation on April 22. AVNA is working on a letter to send to our representative which talks about the impact of homeowners being priced out of their homes.

New Business:

Improving Community Safety. Christina has been meeting with a variety of law enforcement officials to build better partnerships and address on-going neighborhood issues with five problem properties. The goal is to clarify roles and responsibilities for both the residents and various government agencies.

Community Engagement. In Alta Vista there are 200 disabled, elderly residents in 3 SAHA facilities. Christina is working to improve engagement with them through delivery of the newsletter, possibly assisting with transportation to AVNA events, and having volunteers bring events to them.

Around the Room:

Christina said the Board currently has three open positions, Treasurer and two Directors-at-large and is looking for volunteers to fill them. She is hoping National Night Out on October 5th will be the first in-person event for the year. She is considering a Community Wellness meeting, which will include a round table discussion with various city and county representatives.

Our new SAFFE officer, Ben Maciel, introduced himself. He has prior experience with community policing and is working on getting up to speed on the neighborhood concerns. Code Compliance officer, Mindy Bolado is back in our neighborhood. They will be included in the Community Wellness round table.

Ramon Chapa Jr introduced himself and provided his contact information. He is the Bexar County Precinct 4, Director of Community Engagement.

Bethany Gutierrez provided District 1 information on behalf of Lawson Picasso, who was unable to attend due to a family illness. She said people needing vaccines should call the D1 office. Additionally, there are grants available, through the city, to help with rent, utilities, emergency housing, small businesses and other needs including storm damage.

Bethany also said to reach out to Representative Bernal's Capitol office if there are questions regarding bills. If you want alerts on specific bills, you can sign up to receive them at <https://capitol.texas.gov/MnuMyTLO.aspx>.

Ana Alicia Romero provide updates on the bills being considered in the current State legislative session. She said Senator Menendez's office will be hosting a Town Hall on vaccine sources and that people need to get their driver's licenses and vehicle registrations updated by April 15th. She said she really appreciates the information on the property taxes.

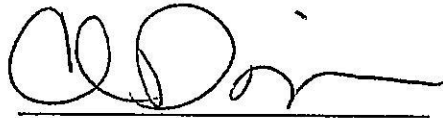
Bernadette Armendariz said people can sign up for updates on Congressman Doggett's role in the American Recue Plan on his website <https://doggett.house.gov/>.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved by the General Assembly:

Recorded by:

May 26, 2021



Cheryl Dozier, AVNA Secretary

Other Attendees:

Anne Ferguson, Member

Mary Kinsey, Member

Corey Schultz, Member

James Flavin, Asst Police Chief, SAPD

Joe Frank, Asst to the Director, SAPD

Ramon Chapa Jr, Bexar County Precinct 4, Director of Community Engagement,

Office Ben Maciel, SAAFE Officer

Officer Mindy Bolado, Code Compliance

Bernadette Armendariz, Congressman Doggett's office

Anna Alicia Romero, State Senator Menendez's office

Bethany Gutierrez, State Representative Bernal's office