

# Park Springs Neighborhood Association

## Minutes of May 7, 2013 General Membership Meeting

- I Call to Order and Introductions – President John Williams called the meeting to order.
- II Minutes of Previous Meeting and Membership Report – motion made by Marvin Casey and seconded by Tom West to accept the minutes of February 5, 2013 meeting that had been emailed to members. Motion passed.
- III Treasurer’s Report – not available due to absence of Treasurer Rod Castilleja
- IV Nominating Committee Report and Election of 2013-14 Officers – Members of the nominating committee ( Dory West, Claud Bramblett, Carolyn Shinn and Joann Gunlock) nominated the following candidates: President – John Williams, Vice President – Stacy DeLaurier, Secretary – Vicki McFarland, Treasurer – Rod Castilleja, Webmaster – Sharon Bramblett. Motion made by Don Cannon and seconded by Carolyn Shinn to accept nominations as presented. Motion passed.
- V “How to Protect Your Property Values” – Maura Phelan presented valuable information on how PSNA members can protect their neighborhoods with the following topics: (1) Defending your Neighborhood (2) Policing Development and (3)How to Investigate Possible Violations. She also noted that we must protect our own interests since there are only 2-3 enforcement officers for the entire Travis County. Watch out for junk cars, overgrown weeds and environmental polluting. She also discussed information concerning Manor and Austin’s ETJ boundaries and deed restrictions and provided a handout with contact numbers for Travis County and Manville Water Supply.
- VI Reports from Officers and members; Discussion of Neighborhood Issues – information was presented on the following topics:
- Election Day is May 11: Manor ISD (2 members) and Manor City Mayor and 2 Council members
  - ESD 12 proposal to raise sales tax from 0.5% to 2.0%
  - Wal-Mart Construction and related roadway construction – dirt work has begun on the site
  - Manor City Hall Construction – Groundbreaking ceremony May 14 at 10:30 a.m.
  - Austin Energy Taylor Lane Substations
  - Zoning application for tract on NW corner of FM 973 and US 290
    - “Light Industrial” (such as beverage distribution) just south of electric substation
    - “Heavy Commercial” retail on corner of US 290 and FM 973
- VII Old Business – Tom West reported on the replacement of the deteriorating PSNA sign on Blake Manor Road. It will cost approximately \$130. He asked for volunteers to help him erect the sign – JJ Lowe volunteered to help.
- VIII New Business – (1) The City of Austin sent notices that the Vallejo Recycling Plant located at 15601 FM 969 had requested permits to build a facility. (2) Ron Fowler who is a commissioner on the ESD12 Board announced that the ESD will provide fire marshal services to the area instead of Travis County. Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Smith will be handling permits for commercial development and will check to make sure that fire codes are enforced. ESD 12 is also trying to increase their response time despite an area of service that covers 100 square miles. Property has been donated to build a second fire station on Hogeys Road that will be manned 24/7. A sign denotes the location and construction will begin soon. Mr. Fowler also provided information on the proposition that will increase the rate from ½ cent to 2 cents per \$100 evaluation on property in unincorporated areas. This will not affect

personal home owners. This additional funding will allow the purchase of new equipment and provide salaries to personnel for the new fire station. He noted that the ESD 12 commissioners meet the second Tuesday of each month.

IX. Welcome new members – Jill and Jason Bigelow

IX Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday, August 6, 2013**

**Crowe's Nest Farm – 7p.m.**

**10300 Taylor Lane**

**Minutes compiled by**

**Vicki McFarland**

**PSNA Secretary**