

Park Springs Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Membership Meeting - November 5, 2013

- I **Call to Order** – President John Williams called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
- II **Minutes of meeting** - minutes of August 6, 2012 meeting previously emailed to members. Treasurer’s report and membership report – motion made by Maura Phelan and seconded by Rod Castilleja to accept the minutes of the Tuesday, August 6, 2013 general meeting. Treasurer’s Report presented by Treasurer Rod Castilleja. Expenses for October, 2013: \$46 for stamps. Ending balance: \$2,767.05. Membership report – Secretary Vicki McFarland reported that some members have not paid their 2013 dues that were due in May. They will receive a reminder letter.
- III **Guest Speaker: ESD # 12 Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshall Ryan Smith.** Assistant Chief Smith presented the following information: ESD #12 serves 100+ square miles and is considered one of the busiest stations in the number of response calls – 2,600 calls. Funding is done by 10cents per \$100 property value. The fire station was previously the old Police Station and was converted to the Fire Station in 1986. There are currently 33 full and part time employees. Each shift is manned by 4 firefighters as well as Assistant Chief Smith. Their work schedule is a 24 hour on/48 hour off schedule and the fire fighters sleep on site. The Assistant Chief’s work schedule is Monday – Friday. Plans were filed for a new station to be located at 19400 Hogeye Road with 2 bays and 4 rooms to be manned by two firefighters. After 6 months of operation, the staff will be increased to 3 fire fighters. Once all permits to construct have been filed, it will take approximately 10 months to complete construction. This station will have an upgraded front line apparatus with more lighting and more scene lights and will hold 1,000 gallons of water which is 250 more galleons than the current truck. Without water, the upgraded fire truck weighs 56,000 pounds and can carry 88,000 gallons of water.
- IV **Citizen’s Committee regarding privately-operated solar plant on Austin-owned ‘Webberville tract’.** Mr. John Woolard of Morrison and Head, representing Longsol (FRV AE Solar) was the invited guest. – Mr. Woolard presented information about the plant and noted that the plant has been in operation since December, 2011 and is privately owned on City of Austin land. He also noted that Travis County is requiring the plant’s owners to create an oversight committee. The Del Valle ISD Finance Director has volunteered to serve on the committee. PSNA members Sharon Bramblett and Rod Castilleja expressed an interest in serving on the committee. Motion made by John Williams and seconded by Maura Phelan to elect Sharon Bramblett and Rod Castilleja to represent PSNA on this committee. Motion passed – All in favor.
- V **Senior Citizens’ Activities at Manor Community Center.** Ms. Betty Barker, PSNA member and the site coordinator presented information about the Senior Program. Participants must be 60 years of age. Participants meet 9am-1pm on M-W-F. Meals on Wheels sponsors the program and provides lunch. Participants play cards, dominos and are involved in birthday socials and holiday programs. Bingo is held monthly.

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VI Reports and concerns from officers and members/President's Report

President's Report:

- (a) Abundant Life Cathedral of Praise, 17522 Blake Manor Rd – it seems the Church has not applied for the proper Travis County building permits and construction has halted. Members were advised to keep watch of new construction to make sure that all construction permit regulations are being adhered to. See the Travis County website – “mypermit.com” to check on construction projects.
- (b) Jaketown subdivision, 12140 FM 969 (NW corner SH 130) -
- (c) Public Meeting with Capital Metro requesting Manor area “community input on our future transportation plans” – Capital Metro is working with the City of Manor to coordinate a meeting date with all of the neighborhood associations and home owner associations in the Manor area to provide input.
- (d) Successful use of PSNA Google Group Forum about trash company issue – Waste Management advised clients in the PSNA area that it was stopping trash pickup. A new company sent fliers to PSNA members in hopes of getting their business. Members utilized the Google Group Forum to see what other waste companies were also servicing our area.
- (e) Manor ISD enrollment grows faster than expected; bond election scheduled – Manor ISD has experienced a 6% growth since the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. In comparison, Elgin ISD has experienced a 2% enrollment increase and Austin ISD had a student enrollment of 1,200 students from the 2012-2013 school year. A bond election has been scheduled to build a new elementary school and a new middle school in May, 2014.
- (f) New Manor newspaper – Manor ISD is publishing a student-driven newspaper – Manor Express twice a month.
- (g) Member's reports and concerns – a question was asked about the “greenhouse” structure that is being erected on Hog Eye Road. It is a hydroponics facility to raise basil.
- (h) Road conditions – road construction to alleviate the road damage to Blake Manor Road is to begin on December 2, 2013.

VII New Business – Diane Crowe introduced Dr. Cohen who is a mobile vet who has moved to the area.

VIII Adjourn – motion made by Tom West and seconded by Maura Phelan to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion passed – all in favor.

The next PSNA meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7pm at Crowe's Nest Farm.

Minutes compiled by

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