

PSNA - Minutes of Winter Meeting – February 7, 2017

- I. **Call to order** – President Maura called the meeting to order.
- II. **Minutes of previous meeting** – minutes of Nov. 1 2016 meeting emailed to members on Feb. 6, 2017
- III. **Treasurer's report** – was made by Treasurer Rod.
- IV. **Membership report** – \$20 yearly dues for 2017 membership are effective from May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2018. Payment of your membership dues pays for postage, rental of the PSNA post office box, and facilities usage. Costs for refreshments are donated by board members. Secretary Vicki announced a newsletter containing an envelope to pay your dues will be mailed to members in early April.
- V. **Old Business** – update on FM 969 road meeting – PSNA member Sharon attended the December 15 meeting hosted by Texas Department of Transportation and presented information about the widening of FM 969 from FM 973 to Hunters Bend Road. This is approximately 2 miles in length. There will be four travel lanes with a continuous center turn lane, outside lane for bikes and continuous sidewalks. The project will begin in December, 2017 and will take less than one year to construct. Cost = \$7-\$9 million.
- VI. **New Business/Concerns/Comments from members** – PSNA member Tom West discussed excessive gun shots on Hogeye Rd south of Hibbs Lane on Saturday nights.
- VII. **Guest speaker** – Bethany Hebbard representing the Community First! Village. Bethany lives and works at the Community First! Village with her husband Steven. She runs the Village's on-site inn and retreat center and she and Steven develop many of the Village's educational programs. Community First! Village is a 27-acre master planned community which is a missionary of the Austin non-profit Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Mobile Loaves and Fishes was started by founder Allen Graham in Austin 18 years ago when they started feeding Austin's homeless population from food trucks. Since that beginning in 1998, 4 million meals have been served to Austin's homeless population. Currently, the organization has 12 food trucks that travel throughout the Austin area each day and the trucks are equipped to hold one hundred meals. During the early years when Mobile Loaves and Fishes was providing meals, they also began purchasing used recreation vehicles (RVs) to provide housing and the organization paid the site rental for the individual. They soon realized providing this type of residence was not enough. This change in thinking brought the master planned Community First! Village to fruition. It is located south of the Travis County Expo Center at 9301 Hogeye Road.

The Village provides affordable, permanent housing and a supportive community for disabled and chronically homeless in Central Texas. The definition of a chronically homeless person is someone who has lived on the streets or in a vehicle for at least three months out of the year. To qualify as a resident of the Village, individuals must have lived in Austin for one year, have a disability condition and complete a coordinated assessment by ARC or the Salvation Army. Once a person qualifies, they are expected to pay their monthly rent.

The goal of the community is to lift up homeless people off the streets and provide them shelter and the opportunity to revitalize their lives. Housing options include micro houses, RVs and canvas-sided cottages. The site includes a chapel, community bath houses, laundry, out-door kitchen with commercial ovens, a chicken coop, community garden, bicycle repair shop, a dog park, an outdoor movie theater and a medical facility that is operated by staff members from Austin/Travis County Integral Care.

- VIII. **Other information** – Update on Manor area businesses, new proposed subdivisions, Manor ISD campuses PNA member and Emergency Services District 12 Commissioner Ron gave an update on the proposed fire station to be constructed on Hogeye Road. The project has faced delays and roadblocks for several years - first with the finalization of land donated by a local family to the death of the engineer who designed the original specifications for the building. A new engineer has been selected, but the delay in hiring a new engineer caused the site plans to expire. ESD #12 will pay permit fees again when they submit the new engineer's site plans.

Fowler also noted that the Fire station located on Parsons Street three blocks from downtown Manor is at full capacity. Plans are being made to purchase a modular building to house the administrative staff separate from the fire-fighting staff members, but a site must be located to set up the modular building.

IX. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes compiled by Secretary Vicki and emailed to members on May 1, 2017.

Next Membership meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2017

7pm at TerrAdorna Event Center

Election of Officers

If you would like to be considered for an officer position,
please see Maura at the end of the meeting