

General Assembly Minutes

Jan. 26, 2022

Board members in attendance: Matt Garcia, President; M. Diaz, Vice President; Cheryl Dozier, Treasurer; Corey Schultz, Secretary; and Directors-at-Large La Juana Chambers Lawson, Ann Marie Horst, and Mary Lib Kenney. Present for the Technical Committee were Erin Zayko and Claudia Guerra. Other Attendees see pg. 3.

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

Minutes & Reports

The General Assembly approved the minutes from the Nov. 11, 2021, meeting. Cheryl motioned; Matt seconded.

Treasurer's report.

Year's End Report: Checking account: beginning balance—\$3,034.21, ending balance --\$2,602.98. Savings account: Beginning balance --\$13,490.77, ending balance --\$13,492.11. Five business accounts and 57 personal accounts.

Sen. Menendez' Office: Anna Alicia Romero

The office will be working remotely and may be contacted at (210) 733-6604 or annaalicia.romero@senate.texas.gov. The voter registration date for the March 1 election is Jan. 31. Some other recent issues are COVID tests/vaccines, SNAP mental health, Holocaust Remembrance info, and the 281/410 interchange.

Rep. Dist. 123, Diego Bernal: Labrigni Rogers.

Please contact Ms. Rogers at (210) 876-2583, labrigni.rogers@house.texas.gov or Chief of Staff Zachary Cochran at Zachary.cochran@house.texas.gov with any questions or concerns.

Discussion on voting. The published maps will be used this voting cycle (Matt). Per Ann H., due to the high volume of calls, try going in person to register. Cheryl stated that registration may be checked on the TX SecState site.

Rebecca Viagran, Candidate for Congressional District TX-35. Discussed her qualifications: the only Bexar County candidate, previously served on SATX City Council District 3. Her platform includes raising minimum wage for city employees, equity budget, rood insecurity, racism as a public health concern, pay equity, women's rights, voting rights, and climate change.

2022 Board Priorities: 1.) Infrastructure, 2.) Community Engagement, 3.) Voter participation. Ann, a deputy voter registrar, spoke on 3.), detailing the dates for registration/voting, forms of ID, and contacts at Bexar County. Residents may text ICOUNT to 80123 for election reminders.

Technical Committee: Claudia and Erin updated on 800 W. Russell. Erin stated there is a balance between treatment of vulnerable people and the owner's responsibility to maintain the property. Matt has a longer presentation on homelessness resources for a later date.

D1 Update: Councilman Mario Bravo updated on the short- and long-term plans for homelessness (seminars and permanent housing with "wrap around services," the Sunken Garden, and the 2022 bond.

<u>SAFFE:</u> Asst. Chief Jimmy Reyes discussed the text notification system: to opt in, text SAPD to 39987. The 2021 crime rate is up 2.9% from 2020, homicide and property crime is up, though violent crime is down 9.5%. Two additional SAFFE officers will be assigned to the Central Substation. Ofc. Maciel stated that 800 W. Russell is vacated. Crime stats are maintained on https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/Crime-and-call-information.

Open Floor: Oscar de la Tienda is open, proprietor Cynthia Gomez. There will be art shows and music/open mic nights in the future.

Future Dates: Board Meeting: February 13, 2022; 4:00 p.m.

General Assembly: March 30, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by the General Assembly: Recorded by:

March 30, 2022

Corey Schultz, AVNA Secretary

Corey Schultz



Attendees:

Rebecca Viagran
Mario Bravo, D1 Councilman
Asst. Chief Jimmy Reyes, SAPD
Ben Maciel; SAFFE Officer
Anna Alicia Romero, TX Sen. Menendez' Office
Jane Crow, Member
Nicole Mo, Member
Johanna McLeod, Member
Kathleen Bradley, Member
Courtney Mumma, Member
Anne Ferguson, Member