



ALTA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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General Assembly Minutes

May 25, 2022

Board members in attendance: Matt Garcia, President; Cheryl Dozier, Treasurer; Corey Schultz, Secretary; Director-at-Large Ann Horst, and Director-at-Large Mary Lib Kenney. Other Attendees see pg. 3.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. via Zoom and in person at Mark Twain Library.

Minutes & Reports

The General Assembly approved the minutes from the March 30, 2022, meeting. Corey motioned; Matt seconded.

Treasurer's report. Per Cheryl, the savings account had a beginning balance of \$13,492.45, ending \$13,492.56; checking account had a beginning balance of \$2,811.82, ending \$2,143.16. Debits were \$254.39 for the May newsletter and \$452.66 for Arts Committee. The AVNA account serves as the banker for Arts Comm and Porch Fest.

Messages from our Representatives. Dorian Keller, D1: Laurel Heights Methodist Church will host a meeting June 2; June 4, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. community day at SPSP. D1 is looking for constituent student interns (HS and college). Send resume by Friday, May 27.

Bethany Gutierrez, District 123: Congressman Bernal is focusing on Uvalde shooting (providing mental health resources and ways to talk to children and also researching bills to present next session). Please contact with any needs 210.816.0906.

Mindy Balado, Code Enforcement: 800 W. Russell is now fenced, mitigating transient activity. As it is considered a historic property, all the city can do is secure it. Case opened for overgrown/vacant. Cheryl inquired about the zoning change (ADU) at 113 Ripley.

Ben Maciel, SAFFE Update: SAFFE is monitoring the individual on W. Lullwood with mental health concerns and also unsheltered homeless/criminal activity on N. Flores, San Pedro, 834 W. French, 113 Ripley, 901/903 W. Ashby. Background checks to commence. Crime report: a Hispanic couple in a gold car attempted to lure a child, drug arrests up (two in March but four in April, all at SPSP), and larceny is down.

Homeless Roundtable: Discussion on Scope and Available Resources.

Katie Vela, SARAH. Gave an overview: person-first language: "persons experiencing homelessness." Cat. 1 homeless, Cat. 2 people in imminent risk, Cat. 3 "couch surfing," Cat. 4 fleeing abusive situation: all can access all homeless resources. Unlike other major cities, numbers have remained stable: three-year average 2,957: 1,686 sheltered, 1,271 unsheltered, with veterans at a functional zero. YASS center serves 18-24 population, especially those who have aged out of foster care. Chronic (1+ year) homelessness usually has a disabling condition such as mental health, SUD, physical/intellectual disability requiring permanent supportive housing. This type of housing has amazing results.

Ramon Gonzalez, D1 Homeless Outreach: SPSP has no permanent encampment; San Pedro and I-35 is a very attractive area (highly trafficked, shops, SAMM). The individuals do not trust systems, and the power differential is difficult to overcome, so rapport and understanding of their perspective needs to be developed. The Homeless Hotline is: 210.207.1799.

Pastor Justin Lindstrom, Christ Episcopal Church. The church offers many services to help individuals experiencing homelessness. Vista Collaborative adopts schools. Anyone can sign up for 20 hours of Mental

Health Training to intervene with chance-met individuals. The church hosts Sidewalk Saturday 8:30 - 10:30, individuals can get coffee, food, clothing, and “Manna bags.” It is important to reach out and build relationships. “Neighborhoods like this who actually care.” This is a complicated problem with no uncomplicated solution, but resources exist such as SACRD.org. His contact is: justinl@cecsa.org.

Future Dates: Board Meeting: September 11, 2022; 4:00 p.m.

General Assembly: September 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved by the General Assembly:

Sept. 28, 2022

Recorded by:

Corey Schultz, AVNA Secretary



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Attendees:

Dorian Keller, City Council

Jane Crow, Member

Bethany Gutierrez, Rep. Diego Bernal

Mindy Balado, Code Enforcement

Ben Maciel, SAPD SAFFE Officer

Katie Vela, Executive Director of SARA

Ramon Gonzalez, D1 Homeless Outreach

Representative.

Justin Lindstrom, Pastor, Christ Episcopal Church