

Alvarado Gardens Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
June 18, 2013

Location: Home of Kristin Hogge

Present: Carolyn Siegel, Kristin Hogge, Don Michaelis, Yolanda Homann, Patsy Catlett, Veronica Reed, Talia Sledge, Bob Poyourow,

Absent: Barbie Brennan, Joan Lewis, Sallie Andrade-Cevera, Wheaton Beyers

Guests: Richard Barish, Kathy Chilton.

1. Meeting was called to order by Madam President Carolyn Siegel.
2. Agenda for the meeting of June 18, 2013 was approved.
3. Minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting were approved and accepted without corrections or revisions.
4. Report from Madam Treasurer Yolanda Homann
 - a. AGNA bank account = \$2030
 - b. \$1463 belongs to the Neighborhood Association
 - c. \$567 received from Keep America Beautiful
 - d. \$249 spent at the Neighborhood Meeting held at the Nature Center (room rental and parking)
 - e. \$275 income at the Neighborhood Meeting
 - f. \$30 ahead
 - g. Report accepted and approved.
5. Presentation by Richard Barish, ESQ. concerning ABQ the Plan: The Rio Grande Vision(will be referred to as the PLAN)
 - a. Noted that Mr. Barish works with the Sierra Club but is not representing the Sierra Club at this meeting.
 - b. Key issue surrounding the PLAN is whether or not the Rio Grande State Park, Nature Center and surrounding bosque will remain a wild green space or whether, with the implementation of the Plan, it will be converted into an urban park.
 - c. Discussion ensues:
 - i. Cottonwood survival and need for flooding
 - ii. Concept of conservation – present or not
 - iii. Stabilization of trails: desirable or not and where, which ones?
 - iv. Establishment or closing of spur trails
 - v. Art in the bosque – appropriate for the concept of park or wild green space?
 - vi. Boat ramps and effect on water, birds and other wildlife
 - vii. What role will wildlife have in the Plan?
 - viii. What about variable needs both developmental and economic in each different neighborhood on each side of the river included in the Plan?
 - ix. Desirability of restrooms and rest stops along the bike trails and paved trails.

- x. The need for safe access to the water, river banks etc.
 - d. Report on Ad hoc committee meeting with Mayor Barry on the Plan.
 - i. Mayor wishes to avoid controversy
 - ii. Mayor seeking consensus or compromise
 - iii. Mayor liked trail maintenance idea
 - iv. Mayor avoided the concept of conservation.
 - e. Mr. Barish suggests that the AGNA keep pressure on the city and strive to be a part of all planning committees and meetings surrounding the PLAN. Furthermore, he presented a resolution and requested that the Board accept his resolution and present it to the members of the neighborhood as well as the city.
 - f. Patsy moves and Don seconds the motion that the AGNA Board accepts the resolution.
 - g. More discussion ensues.
 - h. Revisions and amendments are suggested and developed to tailor the resolution to include a description of the AGNA, to add that qualified professional biologists and /or environmentalists be consultants to the PLAN, and that some typographical errors be corrected. In addition, the resolution will be presented to the AGNA members with the names of the Board members approving the resolution, added to the bottom of the resolution. Carolyn will present the resolution to the Neighborhood Association members via e mail and it will be placed on the Web page.
 - i. Bob Poyourow, Jill Schneider-Taylor and Richard Barish will be a subcommittee to follow the resolution and the Plan for AGNA.
 - j. Revised Resolution is attached to these minutes.
- 6. All Faiths Home –Changes and developments
 - a. Active preschool is in place in the All Faiths facility.
 - b. Cindy Keithly is the executive in charge of the school and is eager to be neighborhood friendly
 - c. The Grief Counseling Center remains in place at the facility.
 - d. Events at the school will generate more traffic and parking problems
 - e. Talia Sledge requests that we work with Cindy Keithly to request restricted parking to the east side of Trellis during these events.
 - f. It is noted that such a request to the city should come both from the AGNA and the school.
 - g. Talia volunteers to coordinate this with Cindy Keithly.
- 7. Roundabout Update
 - a. All funds remain in place for this project until 2016.
 - b. City engineers have been tasked to re-evaluate their original report, check statistics and conclusions.
 - c. New report will be presented July 21, 2013.
- 8. Alvarado Academy

- a. Cathy Chilton reports that the AGNA has secured a \$3700 grant from the county of Bernalillo to create a program where neighbors teach neighbors special skills or subjects of interest. This will be called the Alvarado Academy.
 - b. Funds will be allotted to pay instructors \$75.00 per 2 hour class and to pay for use of space at the Nature Center and All Faiths facility.
 - c. Classes will be held in August and September.
 - d. Cathy will create a schedule of classes
 - e. Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center will be the financial agent for this endeavor.
 - f. Representatives of the county will conduct a site visit and be in attendance at one class.
 - g. Cathy presented more organizational details.
9. The All Neighborhood Association Meeting was attended by Cathy and Veronica.
- a. Veronica presented information on the meeting, its purpose and its value.
 - b. Special details were presented on the Homeowner Rehabilitation program and how that might be used by members of AGNA.
10. Fall Yard Sale and Block Party
- a. It was decided to hold these two events separately.
 - b. Yard sale will be September 21st 2013.
 - c. Block Party will be re-invented as the Founders Day Celebration.
 - d. Patsy Catlett volunteers to take on organization of this event which will be held on October 5th, the anniversary of the founding of AGNA in 1987.
11. New Business
- a. Jill Schneider-Taylor will represent the AGNA at the Mayor's meeting on July 13th.
 - b. Bob brings up solutions to the List Serve and cautions us not to use "reply All" when replying to one other member. The list of members is too vast.
 - c. The information on how to sign up for county announcements will be shared with members and posted to the website.
12. The next Board meeting will be on August 7th at 7 pm at the home of Jill Schneider-Taylor.
13. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.