

Alvarado Gardens Board Meeting  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 2019

1. The meeting began informally with the introduction of the new Board members to the existing board. New members include: Jennifer James, Jimm Palmer and Mike Dexter. Joseph Griego who is running for City Councilor position for our District was also introduced.
2. The meeting was formally called to order at 6:30 pm by President Diana Hunt.
3. Secretary's Report - Jill Schneider
  - a. The minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting from March 30 2019 were presented and approved without amendments.
4. Treasurer's report – Yolanda Homans
  - a. The treasurer bank balance is currently at 620. 55.
  - b. Voluntary membership dues collected at the Annual Meeting = \$307.00
  - c. Yolanda collected an additional \$30.00 in neighborhood dues after the Annual Meeting.
  - d. Since the resignation of the past President and the movement of the AGNA account to a new bank, it is necessary to appoint two signatories to the AGNA bank account.
  - e. It was decided that the Treasurer and the new Vice President Bob Poyourow would hold these responsibilities.
  - f. It was further decided that only one signature would be needed for checks unless our bank balance reached \$1000 or greater at which time, 2 signatures would be required.
  - g. It was agreed that we would conduct a Financial Review of the bank account every year.
  - h. It was moved, seconded and approved that for this year Melo King would hold the position of Financial Reviewer.
  - i. It was agreed that this new position would be added to the AGNA Handbook.
  - j. We now have activated Square which will allow direct deposit via credit/debit cards into our bank account.
5. Follow Up to the Annual Meeting
  - a. Bill O'Neil announced at the Annual Meeting that AGNA would be receiving a grant for traffic calming. This was later vetoed by the state governor.
  - b. Bill O'Neil sent a letter of apology for the premature announcement.
  - c. The practice of having our city, county and state representatives at the Annual Meeting will continue. It will be primarily for announcements about legislation that affects our neighborhood. It will not be a vehicle for political candidates. This policy will be added to the AGNA Handbook.
6. AGNA Web page and Digital Communication – Melo King
  - a. The website has been given a facelift to update it.
  - b. The process for making the website secure and to be visible to web browsers has been completed. The noticeable change is an "s" has been added to the http of the address.
  - c. Melo is digitizing the AGNA files.

- d. Melo is also auditing the list serve (members on the e mail list) for corrections, duplications and reductions of members no longer in the neighborhood.
  - e. It was suggested that a note be added to the web page explaining that "list serve" was the place to sign up for email announcements from AGNA.
  - f. Melo reports that 17 streets in the neighborhood are currently represented by email addresses on the list serve.
  - g. Discussion ensued about how to legally and efficiently share photos from neighborhood events. It was decided not to share these on the web page due to cost and sustainability. It was suggested that a private Face book page curated by a volunteer could be the answer. It was suggested that Talia Sledge (SP?) would be interested in performing this task.
7. The Great American Clean up Mike Dexter
- a. There were 2 sessions of this activity
  - b. Turnout was smaller than expected. Second session had more participants.
  - c. Lesson Learned: Announcement and call for volunteers should be earlier. Event should be on 2 separate weekends. Event should take place earlier on Saturdays because people have full schedules for that day. Earlier would be more convenient.
  - d. Students at La Puerta would be logical volunteers especially if notified about this well in advance and if they could do planting instead of pruning and trash removal. This would be safer for children too.
  - e. It would be better to decide what tasks the volunteers will do before they meet to work. For example – clean up the medians or clean the site along Veranda.
  - f. It was suggested that the Veranda stretch along the north side of the street be done in the fall to coincide with the annual Green Waste pick up.
  - g. The possibility of using goats to eat weeds was discussed.
  - h. The necessity of wearing bright safety vests was discussed. We used to have some provided by the city. We will purchase some for the next event.
  - i. Question of how the green waste was disposed off was discussed. More information is needed.
8. North Valley Coalition Meeting Report – Leroy Lehr
- a. Three of the candidates for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board spoke at the meeting.
    - i. Barbara Baca, of ABQ, a first time candidate
    - ii. Incumbent Glen Duggins, a farmer from the Socorro area
    - iii. The third person is already a member of the MRGCDB
  - b. Two of those candidates gave "campaign speeches". The third person's term is not yet up.
  - c. Vincente Quevado presented a program on maintaining and generating interest in neighborhood organizations.
  - d. A discussion on hearing this presentation at an open Board meeting or the Annual meeting was discussed. It was decided to invite him to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Leroy will take care of this.

- e. Many of the neighborhoods close by are applying for city county and state grants. How can we cooperate with each other so we are not all competing for the same money? Can we coordinate our grant requests? Can we make group requests? We need to find out how to communicate and coordinate with other neighborhood organizations.
9. Election of New Board Officers
- a. Officers should be Board members for a year so they are familiar with procedures.
  - b. Each Board member will shadow an officer for the year to learn the ropes.
  - c. A Nominating Committee will be formed for the next slate. This is already in the bylaws.
  - d. The following members were nominated for positions, seconded , approved and accepted:
    - i. Yolanda Homann Treasurer
    - ii. Jill Schneider –Secretary
    - iii. Mike Dexter – Secretary in Waiting
    - iv. Bob Poyourow – Vice President
    - v. Diana Hunt - President
  - e. Meeting times for the rest of the meetings for the year were discussed. The first Monday of each quarter at 630 pm was established as the meeting times
    - i. The following meeting times and places were agreed upon:  
August 5, 2019, November 4, 2019, February 3, 2020, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2020.
10. Handbook for the Board members of Alvarado Gardens neighborhood Association
- a. Melo has been gather material for a handbook to guide Board members
  - b. Jenifer, Jill, Melo and Diana will assist her in compilation and writing.
11. Candelaria Farms TAG Report – Carolyn Siegal
- a. The TAG continues to make progress on returning the Candelaria Farms property to the original provisions established by the Land, Water and Conservation guidelines.
  - b. The next TAG meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> and the public is always invited.
  - c. June 22 will be an open public meeting to report progress. Public is invited. It will be at the Woodward house on Arbor Lane. 8-10 am.
  - d. Next Tag meeting will be August 15<sup>th</sup> 2:30-430 at the Nature Center education building.
  - e. September 11 2019 will the next meeting to report progress. 530=730 at the Nature Center.
  - f. Please leave all feedback about Candelaria Farms and the evolving plans on the web site.
12. New Business
- a. Suggestions for Neighborhood activities from the Annual Meeting
    - i. Adopt a kiosk
    - ii. Hold a Music Night
    - iii. Tile the Concrete boxes
    - iv. Fix up the areas where the ditches cross the streets
    - v. Spring Clean up
    - vi. Neighborhood Watch Programs

- vii. Landscaping the Roundabout – Landscaping will be the art usually placed in the center of City Roundabouts.
  - b. There will be a Fund Raiser at La Puerta on May 11, 2019.
  - c. There will be a Blue Grass Night \$20 on the same night across the street.
- 13. Kathy Chilton Reports and suggests:
  - a. Everyone on the Board should have a defined role
  - b. Kathy volunteers to be the Volunteer coordinator
  - c. She will send out an email via list serve calling for volunteers
  - d. AGNA Goals might include:
    - i. Getting youth involved in our neighborhood
    - ii. More Artwork in the community
    - iii. Community Service
    - iv. Block Party
    - v. More Music
    - vi. Recognize Heritage
- 14. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm/