

## OPNNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11/19/2019

PRESENT: Jack Guerra, Bart Vincent, Patty Wallis, Teena Larson, Jim Mysliwicz, Manny Villa, Wendy Cox, Steve Rutledge, Julie Cornelius, and Susan Bowman

ABSENT: John Brenneman

Bart called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. We all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Bart determined we had a quorum.

Patty introduced Julie Cornelius. She is part of an organization that is working with the homeless in and around the OPNNA area and Austin Highway. Two weeks ago Julie met with a group who was headed by Janet Grojean to discuss the issues relating to the homeless. Janet lives in Wilshire Village and has been studying the homeless situation for sometime. Although the city is helping it still is not enough as the homeless population continues to grow. Julie would like to see churches get involved and neighborhood communities. Haven for Hope houses about 100 homeless inside their facility and about 200 on the outside. Still not enough for the estimated 2,500-2,800 homeless we have in San Antonio - and that number they think is about 1/4 of the true homeless population in San Antonio. Julie was here to make us aware of the situation and to give us some advice on how to deal with them if we ever have an encounter. Do not harass them just call 311 if you see them panhandling or in the neighborhood. If they appear to be in the midst of a crime or are trespassing please call 911. Please do not give them money only food if you feel the need to give them something. Marjorie White is the homeless outreach coordinator for the city and she can have them removed. Her contact number is 210-207-8197 or [homelessoutreach@sanantonio.gov](mailto:homelessoutreach@sanantonio.gov). SARA is another support group- [sarahomeless.org](http://sarahomeless.org). Jim felt it was hard for churches to open up facilities for them as there is very little money and neighborhoods don't want them in their backyard. Jack told us that a lot of the homeless aren't from here, and we should call for the safe officer at 311. Patty suggested that we share the information Julie brought to OPNNA Website, Facebook and Next Door. We all thanked Julie for her presentation.

### READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Teena made a motion to accept the minutes and Jim second the motion. The minutes were approved.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS

Vice President: Patty gave us an update on the property being developed next to her home. She's tried to contact the developer but he has not called her back. The dentist at the corner of E. Sunset and Broadway will have a Broadway address. No one seems to know what is going on at the opposite corner. It has become a horrible eye sore and Bart said he would contact Perry's office to make sure that the site is kept clean.

Secretary: Susan had no updates on the property across the street from Sunset Villas. Still no building permit has been filed.

Treasurer: Teena gave the treasures report. At the Bi Annual Association meeting on 10/17/2019, 16 members paid dues to OPNNA plus a \$10.00 donation was made for a total deposit of \$410.00. We also received one additional member dues by mail of \$25.00 thus leaving a bank balance as of 11/19/2019 of \$6,925.45.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Teena was concerned about how the vote was determined at the 10/17/19 Bi-Annual Board Meeting. She felt that the vote count did not meet the majority vote to change the date of re-election of Board Officers. Bart pointed out that the change was accepted that night and we could not go back and change the outcome at this meeting. It would be a violation of the By Laws. Wendy suggested that from now on we should start first with New Business at the

Meetings to insure that everyone there will vote on issues and not wait until the end of the meeting to have such votes, as a lot of people had already left when this issue came up. After much discussion Teena made a motion to cancel the outcome from 10/17/19 bi-annual meeting and have a re-vote at our next annual meeting. Steve second the motion. 4 members were in favor of the motion and 5 members were not. Teena's motion did not pass and the re-election of Officers will stand at the October 2020 Bi-Annual Board Meeting and not the March 2020 Annual Board Meeting.

Manny suggested that we need to document all the activities that the board does for the association. Such as the 4th of July parade we need to maintain records of the event so that each year we have a guideline as to what needs to be done.

#### BYLAW CHANGES

Wendy and Teena have volunteered to review our By Laws and report back to us if they see that changes need to be made

#### NEW BUSINESS

Teena recommended that we have a Holiday Lights Decoration Contest in our community. There will be a First, Second and Third Prize given. All those that are interested must register by sending an email to [rtlarsen@grandecom.net](mailto:rtlarsen@grandecom.net). The deadline to register is 12/10 and the winners will be announced on 12/20.

At our next meeting in January we want to have a Water Presentation due to the concern of rising water charges.

Teena had received a call from Pat Garrison who wants to meet with us about becoming a member of the Airport Advisory Committee... Apparently he needs us to write an approval letter on his behalf. We suggested that he come to our next Board Meeting which will be 1/21/2020.

Bart determined there was no further business and adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm. Our next Board Meeting will be January 21, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Bowman, Secretary