

River West Neighborhood Association

RWNA Board Meeting Minutes
5:00pm Monday, April 19th 2021
Virtual

Called to Order at 5:03

Open Forum –

Guest -Brandon Herman join the meeting. He is interested in learning more about RWNA.

Reports

- NLA- NLA received an update on this year NSSP projects. Cassie will forward NSSP slides to the board. Nothing was reported on the NA boundaries project.
- Treasurer's Report – There is \$500 budgeted for the website improvement that Ashley will submit to COB.
- TSP- Gina has spoken to Tobias Marx from COB about parking. Galveston parking is a hot topic and Galveston neighbors are welcome to start the topic and the COB will be happy to listen. Galveston is challenge because there is no land for parking lots available for purchase. Suggestions to make Galveston safer from the board are street lights, curb bulb outs and more painted cross walks. The two parking programs currently at COB is McKay and Old Bend. Yearly parking permits are sold to residents of those areas. Joseph Walsh is working on identify where RWNA summer speed radar will be placed.
- Land use – RWNA has 21 active applications. None of these require a public meeting and no alerts are necessary. Results of the parking survey were reported. 1200 responded and the majority were concerned about parking.
- Parks and Rec – BPRD decided that the Columbia Park river access will remain open. It will remain temporarily closed until a plan for the Riparian Restoration is completed and funds are found to complete.
- Communications – Mike and Don have met with Ashley with suggestions for the new website. Elisha Chang is volunteering the update RWNA's website. The committee is looking for a local photographer or student who could take pictures of the RWNA neighborhood. The committee is looking for the original RWNA logo. Mike will reach out the past board member who might have one. Ashley reported that there is no additional dollars needed and should be on target for \$300 website budget per year going forward.

Consent Calendar

- March 15th, 2021 Meeting Minutes – March minutes approval has been moved to May.

Unfinished Business

- Survey Committee Update – Don is looking at what platform the Survey should be presented all. All agreed the survey should be kept simple. Don will send the RWNA BOD topics for the survey for board members to weigh in on.
- Summer Meeting – Cassie made a motion for the board to approve an Ad hoc committee for the summer meeting agenda and presentation. Deb and Stephanie volunteered for the committee. Don second the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Goal Setting/Strategy Session – Don made a motion to approve and Ad hoc committee to organize a goal setting special meeting with a 2hour session. Cassie and Stephanie volunteered for the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Formal Committees – specific committee suggestions for the board were suggested and tabled until the goal setting session.
- Board Member Addition – A motion was made to add Gina Franzosa to the RWNA BOD as a member at large. She will be the chair of the Transportation, Parking and TSP programs for RWNA. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Adjourn at 6:03

In attendance:
Cassie Giddings
Stephanie Higgins
Don James
Deb Eimstad
Ashley McNeil
Gina Franzosa
Mike Walker

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