

MINUTES FOR RANA BOARD MEETING

Monday August 6, 2018

615 E. Hague-6:30pm

In attendance: Larry, Kate, Cathi, Robert, Lynn, John, Suzanne, Risher, Denise, Tom, Renee, Mika

Absent: Emily, Flip, Jimmy, Rossana, Victor

1. Review & Approval/Amendment of Minutes of June 4th
 - John motioned to approve the minutes; Lynn seconded--minutes approved
2. Treasurer's Report
 - Our current bank balance is \$20,207.68
 - John motioned to pay another \$487.50 to bring gardener up to date with pay for his work at Upper Tom Lea; Kate seconded—motion approved
 - Everyone with outstanding expenses to be reimbursed was asked to submit receipts to John as soon as possible
3. Feedback on 4th of July parade & activities
 - More attendees than ever! Diverse advertising worked (suggestion to place a sign at the Tennis Club next time)
 - Ran out of water and popsicles
 - Suggestions for next time:
 - Form a 4th of July parade committee
 - Place a sign at the Tennis Club
 - Book Ft. Bliss volunteer bands well in advance (early Spring)
 - Get ice delivered to the park
 - Explore alternatives to wasteful plastic water bottles
 - Ensure police come earlier during staging
 - Discourage advertising in parade
 - Utilize larger sound system
 - Consider adding tent/shade structures
 - There was one suggestion to end on Blacker instead of at the park (perhaps adding a pie-eating contest)
4. Feral cat issues in Upper Tom Lea Park
 - Discussion of ongoing problem with a neighbor feeding feral cats
 - Research should be done to see if there is a city ordinance against feeding animals in a city park—Renee agreed to spearhead this
 - Cathi motioned to write a letter to the city parks notifying them of the problem; Larry seconded—motion approved
 - Tom agreed to give our neighbor a call to bring our concerns to her attention
6. Feedback on July 18th Training of New City Review Committee members
 - All who attended (Emily, Renee, Suzanne) said it was a great meeting

7. Meeting at City Hall with UTEP on May 21, 2018

- UTEP listened to neighborhood concerns
- UTEP agreed there are some things they can do
- Several suggestions emerged, including:
 - An app to let students know when and where there are open parking spaces
 - Consolidating parking plans
 - Revisions to the parking website which is extremely difficult to understand
 - Shared parking with hospitals—outsourcing parking
 - Require all students to pay parking fee as part of student fees
- RANA will push for another meeting

8. Hospital Request for Parking Waiver & future Council meeting of 8/21

- Las Palmas hospital—the 2nd largest privately-owned hospital in the nation—is in midst of a \$40 million expansion and is asking for a waiver for the 119 parking spaces they are short—city is recommending in favor
- Las Palmas is also asking for a helistop permit
- There was general agreement that our board is against these requests
- Mika motioned to have RANA write a letter to the city requesting postponement of the vote and expressing our resistance to this encroachment by Las Palmas; Larry seconded—motion approved
- Agreement to push to get a meeting with Las Palmas CEO
- Agreement to send notification and request for action to the neighborhood, as well as to contact Sunset Heights, Kern, neighborhood apartments to create a unified front on this issue

9. Meeting at City Hall on July 26, 2018 on Parking Issues

- Suzanne and Risher met with Peter and Rudy at the city (with Elizabeth Griggs and Mathew McElroy)
- Discussion to create ordinance—parking permit only in zoned areas of the neighborhood:
 - City manager agreed to minimize signs (place only on street corners)
 - Discussion to issue a 2-year permit for \$20 with 2 free guest passes and a “party book” to residents
 - Discussion of creating one-hour parking zones on Rim
 - Intention to offer a phased approach for different segments of the neighborhood

10. Preparation and notice for September 4th Neighborhood-wide meeting at First Presbyterian Church to discuss possible parking solutions

- The leaders on this issue intend to write the ordinance first
- Discussion to postpone neighborhood-wide meeting into October to allow more time (Tuesday October 23rd)

Meeting was adjourned.