

RWNA Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2018

1. Administrative (Cassie)

- a. Approved agenda
- b. Approved last meeting minutes with minor revisions
- c. Treasurer's report – Roller grant application deadline is November 30th.

[Future task: update RWNA tools to communicate to its members including updating the website and the use of mail chimp and facebook.]

2. NLA Update – (Cassie)

- a. Cassie briefly discussed emails sent to board members.
 - Themes for community-wide survey the city will be completing
 - Past agenda
 - Minutes
 - Work session brainstorming

3. Communications (Deb/Cassie)

- b. Membership Drive Strategy
 - Will be adding membership request to postcard
 - Will have a table for membership signups at annual meeting
- c. BNC Public Notification Committee status – next committee meeting scheduled for 10/18.
- d. Fall meeting scheduled for 11/15
 - Westside Village Magnet School 6:30 to 8:30pm
 - Oct 1 draft of agenda discussed and Cassie to finalize
 - Cassie had a draft of Board positions and ballot
 - Ideas proposed including:
 1. Suggestion box
 2. Tables for membership signup and transportation committee
 3. Galveston mini-roundabout update
 4. Provide questions to Cassie for delivery to speakers prior to their presentations

[Future task: The board should review the Bylaws and possibly update them.]

- e. Galveston Roundabout meeting Oct 18th from 4 to 6pm in the city council room.
 - Deb and Cassie gave some background on the last time a roundabout was considered when culminated in the City Council voting against including a mini-roundabout.

- Deb gave an insight to the current opinion of many in the neighborhood which are nearly all opposing the mini-roundabout.
- Deb believes the city staff is behind this latest effort to include the mini-roundabout which includes one-way streets and angled parking. There is a concern the additional parking is a ploy to facilitate more development along Galveston without providing sufficient off-street parking.
- There was concern expressed that the staff presentation on the 18th will be an attempt to have staff lecture the audience on why staff knows best instead of really listening to the audience.
- Staff is pressing forward with a schedule to reach a decision from Council to enable the design to be wrapped up.
- There was concern that Councilor Russell should excuse herself from any decisions due to her ownership of property in this area.
- Frustration was expressed that the city is focusing on completing a plan that the neighborhood doesn't want and the city has no funding for. Meanwhile, steps could be taken now to improve safety without waiting for the ultimate plan to be designed and funded.
- The board agreed that the RWNA needs to communicate directly with the Council on the results of this upcoming meeting on the 18th and not leave it up to staff to report their version of the outcome.

f. STR Compliance Hotline and Website -

[Future task: Concern has been raised that the process adopted by the city has not always been followed and compliance with conditions not enforced. A work group may be needed to research whether this matter needs to be considered again by the council. If evidence exists that the process is flawed or not being followed, the NLA may be the best avenue to communicate the findings to the Council.]

3. Land Use - Julie

- a. Active Applications Status –
 - The many problems with the Shell station proposal were discussed.
 - The possible tall apartment complex next to the pavilion may be struggling with the possible city requirements. The project has been on hold for many months.

- b. City offer for “Boom” workshop – Oct 17 @ 12pm to 1pm [Mike will attend]

4. Transportation - Mike

- a. Funding Working Group – No discussion on this item.

[Not discussed in the meeting, but submitted afterwards FYI – **There was a meeting on 9/20 where the group was presented with several possible “fund raising packages” were presented to the group for consideration. These different packages are available on the city website. These funding packages are all very preliminary until the CTAC completes the final plan and the specific cost estimates for the plans elements can be completed.**]

- b. CTAC – next meeting in November 22nd. This is a mid-point workshop to summarize the “why”, “What is a TSP”, CTAC process and what is a successful outcome.
- c. Transportation committee’s driving factors
 - Neighborhood Safety Program
 - Public Works Curb Striping Program
 - ABNA traffic calming effort
 - Transportation System Plan

Action item – Mike will provide a brief description of inclusion in the annual meeting to seek volunteers for a transportation committee.

- d. Monthly meetings of the Downtown Advisory Parking Committee- Mike has been invited to be on the committee.
- e. “Please slow down, its our town” campaign – RWNA will not be taking action on this matter, but instead, the board felt the matter should be taken on by the NLA as part of a comprehensive safety initiative driven by the NLA.

5. Planning Commission, City Council, and Parks & Recreation Updates - Harry/Jim?