

**River Road Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
December 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Diane Briseño, Christiane Esteinou, Paul Farrell, Tammy Griswold, Marcine Mushock, Mimi Quintanilla, Richard Reed, Bill Sibley, Matt Wallace. Treasurer: Ed Piner

Guests: Chris Forbrich, Michael Marchbanks, Roberto G. Rodriguez, Bert Hergesheiner, Arlene Fisher, Mary Kunz, Clifton McNeal, Tina Trost, Lori Sherwood, Roy Schweers, Darla Piner, Gabriel Montoya, Ralph Medina, Amy Hartman, Doug DeBeers, Nell Grover

Time/Location: 7:00 PM @ Lion's Club Field House

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The notes of the November Regular Meeting were passed with the approved revision: Reed Meyer's name changed to "Reid Meyer"

Treasurer's Report

The RRNA bank balance is \$3,017.41, including \$251 in MOU money.

MOTION by B. Sibley for ratification of results of polling of board and actions taken. Seconded by T. Griswold.

Drainage Project Report: Broadway Corridor Phase IIIA -- Miraflores Park Flood Mitigation

With the guidance of lawyer Bebb Francis, an attempt is underway to build a coalition of stakeholders to raise a unified voice. Assurance is needed that this project be well thought out, and that the river and its surroundings are not devastated because of poor city planning.

Guest Roberto Rodriguez spoke: Clarified that he was not here to speak for the River Authority board but instead to express his concern on the neighborhood's behalf about the potential risks that the Broadway/Hildebrand project is presenting. Hopefully, both organizations and the city will cause a change to be amicably resolved for everyone involved. Earliest meeting able to be scheduled is set for March 7, 2011, 9 AM at the River Authority.

Key points presented by Quintanilla:

The project is not integrated, but coordinated.

The plan is built as flood control and is really flood transference.

They will be improving enhancements without improving the problem.

This project will help the high rise, the traffic at the intersection, and the University of Incarnate Word, but will hurt commercial businesses further south on Broadway. They are modeling Broadway as a highway, not as the boulevard it was originally intended to be. The boulevard models have intentions for commercial enterprises, yet new business will not be able to get financing in a flood zone.

Another major concern is about the resulting water quality. All water being rerouted into the river will contain oil, trash, and debris without any plan to filter as it comes off the streets. There is already an

existing problem with trash buildup in the river when it rains, and this problem will only be exacerbated.

MOTION by R. Reed to enter into contract with and accept donations earmarked for lawyer Bebb Francis. Seconded by B. Sibley.

MOTION by Sibley to use RRNA treasury money to contribute to the effort to offset the cost for the lawyer. Unanimously decided contribution shall be for the amount of \$1,000 from the treasury and the \$251 MOU money in addition. \$1,251.00 to be committed in total. Seconded by Reed.

Discussion took place about rising prices in flood insurance for neighbors.

MOTION by Sibley to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Griswold.

Christiane Esteinou,
Acting Secretary

ADDENDUM: ITEMS POLLED VIA EMAIL:

The following actions were approved/ disapproved by a **poll** of the board. We will ratify the items at the January board meeting (since we do not have a meeting in December).

1. The RRNA authorizes a board member to contact the park arborist, Michael Nentwitch, to install the bollards around the triangle at River Road until we can plant the triangle later this spring. APPROVED
2. RRNA formally opposes the current plan for the Broadway Corridor Phase III (Broadway/Hildebrand Section) known as the Miraflores outflow, pending further in research and the opinion of an independent hydrologist's assessment of the plan. APPROVED
3. RRNA will pursue the action of building a coalition of stakeholders to engage the services of an independent hydrologist to study and give an opinion on the current plan for the Broadway Corridor Phase III (Broadway/Hildebrand Section) known as the Miraflores outflow. APPROVED
4. The RRNA board authorizes the RRNA Treasurer to issue and deliver a check in the sum of \$100 to Lion's Club Fieldhouse for board membership. APPROVED
5. The RRNA board authorizes the RRNA Treasurer to issue and deliver a check in the sum of \$125 to Michael and Kim Marchbanks to underwrite the direct expenses for the RRNA holiday party on December 11, 2010. APPROVED
6. The RRNA board authorizes that a letter be written to the River Oversight Committee in opposition to the current parking plan for the Guenther Mills project on Avenue B which infringes on Brackenridge park property. DISAPPROVED