

**River Road Neighborhood Association
June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Diane Briseño, Lea Brogan, Christiane Esteinou, Paul Farrell, Tammy Griswold, Marcine Mushock, Richard Reed, Michael Sullivan
Time/Location: 7:00 PM @ Lion's Club Field House
Submitted by: M. Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by acting Chair Richard Reed. The minutes of the May 20 Regular Meeting were amended to include the full list of Board Members present and passed by acclamation.

Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Guest Speaker: Heather DeGrella

Heather DeGrella is the Mayor's Appointee to the CEAC, a community focus group charged with advising the City Council on environmental affairs. They have recently produced the "10 Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan For Residential and Commercial Services" which can be found online here: www.sanantonio.gov/swmd/pdf/2020Plan%20_6_1.pdf.

Committee Reports

Traffic and Sidewalks

The RRNA still supports the original plan for a 6 foot sidewalk along the south side of Mulberry, although plans have recently surfaced for a 10 foot version of the path. Designs for a sidewalk north of Mulberry are ongoing without input from RR.

Drainage

Nefi Garza, who is responsible for reassuring computer models depicting watershed management in our area, is no longer with SARA. At the moment there is no word as to who the new Floodplain Manager will be.

Events

4th of July celebration

The question of when to hold the 4th of July parade was raised. Motion by Sullivan: "That the 4th of July Parade be held on the 4th of July." Second by Griswold.

Neighborhood Yard Sale

The weekend of October 23rd was chosen for the yard sale.

Communications

A call for articles for the next newsletter was announced, and there was discussion about whether to include any information about the River Road Historic District. It was decided that any such information should come from a representative of the River Road Historic District Committee.

Community Garden

The Garden Committee held a meeting on June 14th. Esteinou reported that the Garden's official birthday should be recorded as August 20th, 2008. The installation of an arbor and irrigation trenches are the next major planned enhancements.

Old Business

Letter of Agreement w/ SARA (formerly MOU)

Richard noted that the Letter of Agreement has been signed by both parties and will take effect as soon as it is approved by the SARA Board.

Historic District

Richard distributed copies of the River Road Proposed Design Standards on behalf of John Larcade, dated 15 June 2010. We are to review and email him with comments, concerns, and suggestions. His email is jlarcade@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood Tree Challenge

Richard Reed reported that Larry Clark has volunteered to take over the tree challenge.

VIA transportation planning meeting

Esteinou attended and reported on the June 16 Smartway SA meeting. Issues raised included the inadequate frequency of buses, which is the number one complaint received by VIA. Comments were solicited on proposed transit routes and technologies.

Fireflies

Board Member Farrell raised the issue of fireflies and their apparent decrease in numbers as compared to previous years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Michael Sullivan,
Secretary