

DRAFT MINUTES RANA BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 6, 2020
6:30 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting

Board Members in attendance: Emily Brockhoff, Bob Brannon, John Moye, Cathi Banda, Cindy Carr, Renee O'Donnell, Rosanna Patterson, Kate Gannon, Lynn Westbrook, Robert Ardovino

Board Members Absent: Sajir Haribhai, Tom Casey, Flip Lyle, Victor Urbina

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Review and approval/amendment of Minutes. Cathi motioned to approve March Minutes. Bob seconded motion. The Board unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report. Cindy Carr reported.

March Expenses: Park maintenance, \$450. Slope Trash pick-up/cost for tools, \$113.59.

March 2020 Total Ending Bank Balance: \$12,257.84

WestStar Escrow Fund as of December: 31, 2019 \$184,865.79

RANA 2019 Corporate Income Tax Returns for YE 2019, no tax due. Net income loss of (\$1,429) compared to taxable income for 2018 of \$3,355 for which \$788 was paid.

Bob motioned to approve that Cindy Carr sign the 2019 income tax documents as acting treasurer, as well as approve the payment of \$250 to Tammy Vasilatos for preparing RANA's 2019 tax filing. John seconded motion. The Board unanimously approved.

4. Special Committees

a. Communications. Kate. Nothing to report.

b. City Review Committee. Bob. Nothing to report. All city meeting have been cancelled.

c. Trash Pick-up. Tom not present. March 28th neighborhood pick up cancelled.

d. Neighborhood Coalition. Cindy. Nothing to report. No meetings scheduled at this point.

e. City Plan Commission. Bob. Nothing to report. No meetings scheduled at this point.

f. Slope Stabilization Project. Robert. Nothing to report. No meetings scheduled at this point.

g. City Parking Ordinance Amendments. Emily spoke with Daniella, who has spoken with El Paso Police Department, who is looking at a budget for extra proposed policing for our neighborhood. However, we as a neighborhood feel that the public generally abides by existing parking signs and don't find it necessary to hire an additional police traffic enforcer, who the city in turn would require our Neighborhood Association to fund. At this moment the City's One Stop Shop is also exploring the cost feasibility of utilizing QR Codes and the manufacturing of QR Code decals, to go along with police patrolling for this project. However, this project is on the 'back-burner' with the city due to the current CoVid-19 situation.

h. Public Right of Way (ROW) Improvements. Emily reported that Bobby Gonzalez's contract proposal came out to \$50,776 or 27% of total escrow amount. This would leave RANA with roughly \$134,100 for actual project improvements. Bob suggested speaking with an attorney to review the contract before proceeding to the next step. Renee motioned to have an attorney review Mr. Gonzalez's contract, specifically asking Risher Gilbert and offering her \$500 for this task. John seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

Robert made the motion to supersede Renee's aforementioned motion, specifically with regard to compensation, increasing the amount to be offered to Risher to \$1000. Renee seconded this motion. The board unanimously approved.

John then made the motion as follows, "If Risher declines our request to review Mr. Gonzalez's contract, we would ask Risher for a recommended attorney, who we would then compensate with no more than \$1000."

5. Nominating Committee Report. Kate reported that the nominated officers for May 2020-May 2021 include the following:

President, Cathi Banda

Vice President, Robert Ardivino

Treasurer, Cindy Carr

Secretary, Renee O'Donnell

New Board Member, Jeff Bork

Bob motioned to approve this slate of nominees. Renee seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved.

6. May's Annual Association Meeting.

At such a difficult time, the board discussed practical ways of rolling out the new board and the new slate of officers. RANA came up with the following plan.

i.) Emily will notify the association members through an email blast, of our Officer nominees and board slate.

ii.) Let association know of the board's intention of having a vote via email, which will take place in mid-May, in lieu of our annual association meeting.

iii.) Let association members know that their input is welcome and to take note of anyone who indicates a willingness to serve as an additional board member.

iv.) If association members feels comfortable with this proposed plan, then an electronic vote will take the place of our annual association meeting. 'Ballot' will be emailed in mid-May.

v.) Emily agreed to send draft email to board for approval before sending to neighborhood association members.

Kate motioned the following: suggestions wording:

"Given the current extenuating and extraordinary circumstances of CoVid-19, RANA is allowing this organization to continue with a formal election of the new slate Officers and board candidates for 2020-2021, via email. This email vote will serve as a function of and a replacement for this year's annual May association member meeting. RANA deems this formal vote necessary for an official board to continue making important decisions and functions which are required." Rosanna seconded the aforementioned motion. The board unanimously approved.

7. NIP Grant. After our March meeting discussions, Laura Foster came back to the board after speaking with the City's Streets Department. Ms. Foster informed us of our most cost effective and most timely

options. With these options in mind, Bob motioned to amend previously approved street sign design and approve the new street sign to now have the following design:

i.) Brown with white/cream wording

ii.) Sans Serif Font typeface

iii.) Scalloped border

iv.) Subheading will read 'Rim Area Conservancy District'

Robert seconded motion. The board unanimously approved motion.

8. Other Business. Bob Motioned to approve the use of the communication conference App. ZOOM in the interim and for the time being until further public safety standards are lifted due to CoVid-19. John seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

9. Adjourn. 8:20 p.m. Next Meeting to be held on Monday May 4th, 6:30, on ZOOM.