

MINUTES RANA BOARD MEETING

Monday May 13, 2019

6:00 p.m.

1143 Rim Road

01. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. Emily Brockhoff as President of RANA welcomed and thanked the new board members.

02. **Roll call of members / introductions.**
 - a. Board Members in attendance: Cindy Carr, Bob Brannon, Mary Jane Perkins, Larry White, Cathi Banda, Emily Brockhoff, Rosanna Patton, John Moye, Denise Kroeker, Tom Casey, Flip Lyle, Renee O'Donnell, Kate Gannon Moore.
 - b. Board Members absent: Lynn Westbrook, Victor Urbina, Robert Ardivino and Sajir Haribhai.
 - c. Guests: Risher Gilbert

03. **Establish future date and time for meetings.** Topic discussed. Bob motioned to have RANA meetings every first Monday of the first week of every month, at 6:30pm. John seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved.

04. **Review of Robert's Rules of Order.** Topic discussed. Bob handed out copies of a summary of 'Robert's Rules' to all board members.

05. **Prior board members review and approval/amendment of Minutes of April 1.** John motioned to approve. Denise seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved.

06. **Review and approval/amendment of Minutes from May 5, 2019 Annual Meeting.** Bob motioned to approve. John seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved.

- 07. Resolution of West Star Account.** Emily read aloud the resolution addressed to West Star Bank authorizing signatories on our RANA account, those being Emily Brockhoff, Bob Brannon, John Moye and Cathleen Banda. Bob motioned to approve resolution. Tom seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved.
- a. John motioned that if in the case West Star Bank required RANA's Executive Board to sign their proprietary resolution documentation, the Executive Board could do so with authority from the Boards of Directors. Bob second the motion. Board unanimously approved.
- 08. Letter to the City regarding the transfer of RANA leadership.** Bob read aloud a letter addressed to City Rep. Peter Svarzbein, Tommy Gonzalez and other EP City employees. The letter's intention is to update the appropriate people at the City and inform them of the new leadership on the RANA board. Cindy motioned to approve letter. Larry seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved.
- 09. Risher Gilbert to serve as an advisor to the Board.** Cindy motioned to have Risher Gilbert serve as an advisor to the board as needed. Larry seconded the motion. Board unanimously approved.
- 10. Treasurer's Report – John Moye.** John Moye as Treasurer, reported that RANA has a current balance of \$9,398 in the general fund and \$5,686 in the Tom Lea Park fund for a total of \$15,084 in the RANA account at WestStar Bank. John also reported that the donation of Las Palmas made in late February 2019 for Public Right of Way Improvements in the neighborhood has been placed in escrow with WestStar Trust Department and has a balance of \$184,474 as of the last statement.
- 11. Feedback on Annual Meeting picnic / results from feedback survey:** Denise reported that her attendance totaled around 100 people. Emily reported that her informal survey ranked the following top three concerns of neighborhood members according to number of votes:
- a. Protecting the neighborhood characteristics = 22 votes
- b. Updates on neighborhood gathering, reporting vandalism and loss pets = 18 votes
- c. Reduce street parking = 13 votes

- d. Implement traffic calming measures = 13 votes
- e. Neighborhood-wide gatherings or activities = 13 votes

12. Subcommittees:

- a. **July 4th Parade:** Bob Brannan and Mary Jane Perkins will co-chair committee
- b. **Communications:** Kate, Emily, Denise and Cathi will meet soon to discuss press release for parade, website and email.
- c. **City Review Committee:** Renee, Bob, Emily and Flip are the representatives of RANA and will attend City meetings held every 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- d. **City Parking Ordinance:** Ordinance Amendment Subcommittee includes Flip, Larry, Cindy and Emily. They will meet with Representative Svarzbein and others at the City.
- e. **Trash Pickup:** Tom will continue to head this committee with the help of Larry and 4 others from the neighborhood.
- f. **Public Right of Way (ROW) Improvements:** Cindy, Larry, Emily and Cathi will represent RANA and will attend City meetings.
- g. **Neighborhood Coalition:** Kate represents RANA and will be attending the next meeting held on May 20th. Cindy will be her alternate.

13. Update on Wildflower Rim Project: Robert not present.

14. Update on new street signs: Bob is currently working on plans for new street signs in the neighborhood and will update us on a later date.

15. 501 c 3 update: Bob is currently working with Eric Pearson and the El Paso Community Foundation to manage our 501c3.

16. Rank changes in regard to parking ordinance amendments: Our goal is to prioritize the proposed ordinance amendments voted on by our last year's Board. Emily will send a follow up email asking board to rank in order of preference.

- i. Include renters and not just owners
- ii. Include the Fairmont/multi-family units over four.

- iii. Change 75% to 2/3 or to 60% of residents (or to consider a percentage of the total zone area and not block-by-clock)
- iv. Expand the 30-day window to collect signatures (perhaps to 90 days)
- v. Include a "party book" of permits
- vi. Consider protecting full perimeter of houses, not just the house face
- vii. Possible discuss striping the curb on Rim on the escarpment
- viii. Question what will be done regarding signage, including existing signs

17. Update on zoning infringement: Mr. Escobar met with Risher and Cathi in mid-April to notify the board that he is requesting a special permit for the tearing down and reconstruction of his properties on 2310, 2314, and 2318 Stanton. These properties are currently single-family residences and are zoned as R-4. R-4 permits duplexes, however R-4 does not permit quadruplexes, which is his proposed plan. See table below of zone permissible use.

Use	Residential													Commercial					Manufacturing				RMO***	S-DO**			
	R-1	U-1	R-2A	R-3	Q-3A	R-4	R-5	RMH	A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	A-5	A-6	AM	C-OP	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	M-1			M-2	M-3	M-4
13.00 Residential																											
13.05 Duplex (two-family dwelling)	X	X	X	X	X	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	D	D

- 18. Other business:** Bob addressed the following community meetings and recommended board members attend.
- a. **Alicia Street Reconstruction**
 - 1. Thursday, May 16, 2019. Assembly Room at the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, 5300 East Paisano Drive at 6 pm.
 - b. **Robinson Avenue Preconstruction**
 - 1. Wednesday, May 22, 2019. El Paso Tennis and Swim Club on 2510 N. Saint Vrain Street at 6 pm.
 - c. **South Central Streets Phase III**
 - 1. Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Assembly Room at the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, 5300 East Paisano Drive at 6pm.

19. Tom had a question regarding whether or not the city allows murals to be painted on private walls facing alleyways. Cathi will call city and find out.
20. The City Tax Appraisal's office, Chief Appraiser Dinah Kilgore, contacted RANA to let us know that due to increases in home sales, our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods will experience a property tax increase.
21. TEXDOT may have plans to split Sunset Heights Neighborhood in half with a planned construction of a bridge. Kate will reach out to Sunset Heights board president 'Cito for more information.
22. Cincinnati Area Parking Meter District is experiencing much success. John is currently on the board and reported that they have hired police officers to patrol on Friday and Saturday nights. Future plans include installing more lights and beautifying alleyways.
23. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.