

DRAFT MINUTES RANA BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 07, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Fairmount

Board Members in attendance: Emily Brockhoff, Bob Brannon, Cathi Banda, Kate Gannon, Rosanna Patton, Renee O-Donnell, Sajir Haribnhai, Cindy Carr, Flip Lyle, Lynn Westbrook, Robert Ardivino, Tom Casey

Board Members absent: John Moye, Victor Urbina, Mary Jane Perkins

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Emily Brockhoff as President welcomed members and guest speaker Jennifer Wright, Public Affairs Officer representing TXDOT and Lina Ortega, State Representative and Chair of the State Transportation Committee.
2. TXDOT Presentation from Jennifer Wright. Jennifer Wright assured us that notices for public meetings will begin this fall, to be announced on Twitter, at [www.drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org), as well as other social media. The proposed Downtown project would be part of an I-10 expansion segment going from Schuster Avenue, near UTEP, to Copia at the Spaghetti Bowl, with the goal of bringing mobility and interconnectivity. Estimated cost: \$1.1 billion. However, this TxDot project does not include funding for the proposed "Deck Park." To be clear, TxDot would only cover the cost to enable that the Deck Park structurally stable for the weight capacity of the Deck Park-- but the cost of the actual Deck Park itself would be left to El Paso county tax payers, federal and state grants, and private donations. As per Jennifer Wright, "the proposed project concepts are just concepts and nothing is set in stone." This project is in the preliminary planning stages, with the goal of having the community involved throughout the entire planning process. Final project proposal is projected to be presented next year. Currently, the local Chamber is organizing information on this subject. The City has passed a resolution in support of the I-10 Project Mobility Coalition. Additionally, The Paso del Norte Foundation is currently funding a feasibility study. Tracy Yellen is working with people from Dallas to learn how they set up their foundation to fund for future maintenance.
3. Review and approval/amendment of Minutes. Rene motioned to approve September meeting minutes. Robert seconded motion and the board unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – John Moye was not present at this meeting. No treasurer's Report given.

5. Special Committees:

a. October Block Party Expenses

Food-Elida Catering \$480

Tables and Chair Rentals (10 round, 4 rectangular, 100 chairs) \$177.48

Apache Barricades \$108

City Permit \$134.61

Music (Jessica Flores) \$200

Beer (3 cases), Sodas, Plates, Napkins, Forks \$162.13

Water and Ice \$44.63

Kids Activities \$47.33

Total Expenses: \$1354.18

b. Communications. Kate uploaded Minutes to RANA website. Kate also added twitter to the website.

c. City Review Committee. New point of contact at the city is Carina Baligaria. The city recently approved circular driveway. Resident was willing to stain cement and add more greenery to obstruct view of cement.

d. City Parking Ordinance . Emily Brockhoff met with Daniela from the City in September with regards to the parking ordinance amendments.

e. Trash Pickup- Tom has been able to collect appropriate gear including rope and harness and enough volunteers to repel down the escarpment to pick up trash. Project will start sometime this fall.

f. Public Right of Way (ROW) Improvements. Bob stated that if we do not use the total escrow amount of \$184, 450 within the 2 year time frame RANA must renew trust agreement for another 2 years. Emily will plan to meet with Bobby Gonzales (our project manager/civil engineer) in November.

g. Neighborhood Coalition. Nothing to report.

h. City Plan Commission. Nothing to report.

i. Slope Stabilization Project. Martina, Suzanne, Paul and Robert Ardivino met with designers and have agreed that the slope stabilization project will no longer be designed with a plaza. More lighting will be incorporated. The top of the park will no longer have an 'edge' on the perimeter. Final design should be finished in a few weeks.

6. Vote on Community Foundation. A motion was made from Bob Brannan to contract with El Paso Community Foundation and to enter into a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with EPCF, allowing them to receive contributions for RANA approved projects. Bob proposed a Resolution Pursuant to the bylaw of the board. The motion was seconded by Robert and the board unanimously agreed. Please see attached signed Resolution and Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement.
7. Vote to have Weststar interest reflected in RANA's account . A motion was made from Bob Brannan to amend our current escrow agreement with WestStar Bank relating to the \$184,450 from the RANA settlement with Las Palmas. The amendment specifies that upon any interest accrued from initial principle of the original escrow amount will go towards the general RANA account. Bob proposed a Resolution Pursuant to the bylaw of the board. The motion was seconded by Flip and the board unanimously agreed. Please see attached signed Resolution and Amendment to Escrow Agreement.
8. Parking Benefit District. In September Emily met with Daniela Quezada from the City with regards to the City Parking Ordinance. Last year RANA had voted as a board to request that the City make amendments to the City Ordinance code. At that time we were in discussions with Elizabeth Trigg from the City. This year we are in discussions with Daniela, who could not guarantee those specific amendments. Daniela offered RANA the possibility to make the Rim Area Neighborhood into a Parking Benefit District. An example of a model Parking Benefit District includes Donald Shoup's project from San Diego. If implemented, a Parking District would include requiring every resident to annually register their car and pay a small fee in order to receive a party book and a hanging decal for their car/cars. This would also require RANA to lease out or sell a minimum of 2 parking space permits on non-residential spaces located within our neighborhood on an annual basis. Cost of individual annual parking permit: \$250. These funds as well as funds from citations within the neighborhood parameter would either go toward our neighborhood or back to the City's general fund if RANA so chooses. Daniela also clarified that in order to ratify our neighborhood into a Parking Benefit District, the neighborhood and the City would host meetings and count votes from residents/home owners. The City requires the following: if more than 30% of the residents vote "no", this proposition would not pass.

Robert made the motion that Emily represent RANA and meet with Daniela from the City Planning Department to communicate with her that the RANA Board is willing to consider a parking benefit district that includes a 30% disapproval requirement needed to stop its implementation. Before even considering a Parking Benefit District, the RANA board would like to request that Daniela

draft an ordinance that reflects what the RANA board has voting on thus far, a Parking District. This would include: limited signage, extensive coverage of neighborhood, include Fairmont Condos, lower threshold percentage for approval, increase required time to a 90 day period, include party books and waive residential fee. Bob seconded the motion and board unanimously approved.

9. Other business. Board members who recently resigned include Denise Kroeker and Larry White.
10. Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.