

## **GNA Board Meeting Minutes – 6 December 2005**

### Attendees:

Board Members: Mari Barreda, Jeannette Burger, Susan McDonald Cooper, Carol Lee, Tom Pullum, Karen Waldo

Committee Chairs: Arthur McLean

Other Invitees: Eric Dorris, John Busch, Anastasia Pullum

### Minutes:

Since the 14 November Board meeting was consumed with discussion of the Champion tract rezoning cases, Tom called an extra meeting to focus on other GNA business. This “special” meeting was called to order at 7:20pm at Tom’s house and enjoined discussion on the following items:

1. Tom welcomed new Board member Susan McDonald Cooper and distributed a proposed agenda.
2. Meeting Minutes:  
As discussed at last meeting, Carol will take meeting notes, distribute for review, and provide approved minutes to Arthur for archiving and posting on the GNA Web site.
3. Treasury Report  
Mari (GNA Treasurer) reported that, with help from the recent collection drive, the GNA has met the \$8,400 budgeted for dues.
4. Dues Forms Comments  
Karen relayed comments that residents submitted with their dues form.
5. Gatehouse Decorations  
Mari, Susan, and Garden Club members will decorate the gatehouse for the holidays. Mari was given authorization to purchase some new decorations, with general agreement toward simple elegance.
6. Landscaping  
Three problems discussed:
  - a. Storm runoff has created an impeding mound of mud/weeds near the water treatment lot on the bend of Far View Dr.
  - b. Mounds of weeds growing from the crack between the curbs and roadway are reducing the effective road width in some sections of the neighborhood.
  - c. The Water Treatment Plant site needs maintenance: rotting siding of building, grape vines covering oak trees, weeds, broken limbs from last ice storm, etc.

**FOLLOW-UP:** **Mari** will ask Mike Farrell, who mows the entrance and utility ROW areas, to contact Tom regarding extra work items. **Tom** will find out how much Mike would charge to remove the mud and weeds that are impeding the roadway and authorize the work if appropriate. **Tom** also will contact LCRA to discuss maintenance of the Water Treatment Plant site.

7. Need for a Common Community Area  
Discussed possibilities for gaining some common community area, such as for a neighborhood library to share books, hosting children's reading groups, Board and other small group meetings. The gatehouse provides one possibility for common book area, although hampered by existing use for storage, lack of parking, and location within entry roadway. The Water Treatment Plant site could provide another possible location. Some of the board members will visit the gatehouse to assess the feasibility of using it for a neighborhood library, and will have discussions with LCRA in the future about the Water Treatment Plant site.
8. LCRA Water Supply  
John attended a 5 December meeting with LCRA in continued effort to keep abreast and provide input on plans to expand the water storage facility on Glenlake Dr. The LCRA plans to increase water supply capacity and provide a more steady pressure flow by replacing the current 100,000 gallon storage tank with a 350,000 gallon ground-level hydro tank design. There have been some readings of high nitrites in the water supply and further research is being conducted to determine if there is a treatment issue or the problem is locale-specific.
9. Board Member Terms  
Four of the new board members have 2-year terms, which does not provide a good rotation for having two or three new members each year. Discussed possible solutions, including natural attrition due to moves or early resignation, voluntary or random draw for early retirement of current member, revision of bylaws to change term to 3 years.  
FOLLOW-UP: **Tom** will review the bylaws to understand requirements for changing the term length for further discussion at the 9 January Board Meeting prior to the 23 January General Meeting.
10. Champion Rezoning Update  
City staff is scheduled to present an environmental report to the Environmental Board at their 7 December meeting (now postponed to 14 December due to inclement weather on 7 Dec). Several 2222CONA representatives will attend to monitor the activity and be available for questions. The Environmental Board can request the City postpone rezoning decision until an environmental impact study is conducted.  
The 2nd/3rd reading of the rezoning cases by City Council has not been scheduled. The 15 December Council agenda is already quite full so they might get scheduled for January Council meeting. No determination yet on if/how the cases will be separated due to the Valid Petition on Tract 3 that requires Super Majority (6-1) vote.
11. SOS Charter Amendment Endorsement  
The SOS Alliance has initiated an effort to get two Charter Amendments on the May 2006 ballot. These amendments strengthen the City's ability to protect the watersheds and drinking water supply and to make information more accessible to the public. These issues have been core problems with the rezoning of the Champion tracts and the Board voted for GNA to be an endorsing organization for the initiative, with Karen abstaining pending full review of the amendments.

12. Neighborhood Communications

Discussed methods for communicating with residents, including email, gatehouse signage, and phone tree technology. The GNA has some antiquated auto-dialing equipment formerly used to notify of water problems. There is now PC-based hardware/software for automatic phoning, but the Board could not identify a need for having a phone tree at this time.

13. Fireworks

With the dry conditions the hazard of fires from fireworks is especially high. We will post notices to remind neighbors not to set off fireworks in the neighborhood with the coming New Year celebrations.

14. Architectural Control Committee

The ACC is not communicating regularly with the Board or responding to ACC applications in a timely manner with consensus from all ACC members.

FOLLOW-UP: **Tom** will take action to improve the Committee's processes and responsiveness.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lee