

**Meyerland Community Improvement Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 12, 2008**

Board members present:

Sidney Aron	Richard Jucker	Ben Ramsey
Chris Bisel	Ed Kile	Elizabeth Ray
Don Carter	Sondra Ludwick	Larry Rose
Patrick Cole	Cyndi Ruiz Mansfield	David Naff
Mike Gavula	Janel Monasterio	Sam Totah
Shirley Hou	Gerald Radack	

Board members absent:

Ben Adair	Diane Knesbach	Lynn Steen
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Board members excused:

Marvin Blum	Lisa Murray
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Staff present:

Lewis Jost	Paul Pieri
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Staff excused:

Robert Marshall	Jim O'Rourke
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Visitors:

Bill England	Charles Weiss
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Call to order:

President Cynthia Ruiz-Mansfield called the regular Board meeting to order at Jewish Community Center on May 12, 2008 at 7:30 PM. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the April 14 Board Meeting were approved.

Committee reports:

- A. Treasurer's report: Mike Gavula, Treasurer
 - 1. Projecting close to budget on printing.
 - 2. Increase of \$1600 for MCIA fence and parking lot due to additional work required on parking lot discovered during construction.
 - 3. Forecast loss of \$3500 this year due to increase in miscellaneous income (Paul Pieri explained SWSA payment for 2007 in misc. income).
 - 4. Questions regarding Davis Property to increase assessment number and need to classify payment of \$15,000 (Paul noted attorney fees to Lewis Jost paid).
 - 5. Request for current running account of houses with liens (Lewis Jost, Attorney, will prepare for next meeting).
 - 6. Request for current cash balances (Paul Pieri will prepare for next meeting).
 - 7. Bank Signature Resolution: Mike Gavula moved the resolution and Ben Ramsey seconded the motion. No discussion by members and the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Manager's report: Paul Pieri, General Manager
 - 1. Third quarter billing will be complete by May 23, 2008.
 - 2. 2,150 Maintenance Fee payments received to date.
 - 3. Bob Marshall out of office most of last week due to illness & Jim O'Rourke out of office.

- C. President's report: Cynthia Ruiz-Mansfield, President
 - 1. New MCIA Board Manuals distributed at retreat.
 - 2. Proposed 2008-2009 Committee list with two (2) major differences.
 - a. Addition of two community members (not current board members) to committees.
 - b. Security and Traffic Committee combined due to overlapping of members.
 - 3. No discussion by members, David Naff moved the motion to approve 08-09 Committee list and Sydney Aron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Publications Committee report: Gerald Radack, Co-Chair
 - 1. Request for articles for Meyerlander. Committee Chairs encouraged to submit articles.
 - 2. Deadline May 20, 2008.

Committee reports:

- E. Southwest Security Association (SWSA) report: Sam Totah, V.P.
 - 1. Bill England introduced as newly elected SWSA President.
 - 2. Reports April '08 as "worst in last few months" with increased criminal activity.
 - 3. Letter developed by SWSA will be mailed to all residents to remind and encourage residents to contact the Constables and not Houston Police Department.
 - 4. SWSA will increase Security Assessments to residents this year.
 - 5. No change in SWSA board members.
 - 6. Shirley Hou reminded board of message board implemented at www.meyerland.net for residents to share information.
 - 7. Meyerlander newsletter will include a roster of current MCIA Board of Directors and Constables serving our area.
- F. Legal report: Lewis Jost, Attorney
 - 1. Reported no lawsuits currently pending.
 - 2. Open Meeting Act: Lewis advised board to assume MCIA is under the Texas Open Meeting Act, therefore act accordingly and make good faith effort whenever possible regarding motion from April's board meeting by David Naff that would allow email, phone or fax voting.
- G. Program Committee & Community Relations/Legislative Committee report: Shirley Hou, Chair
 - 1. Schedule of events will be presented at July meeting.
 - 2. Reported "Good turnout" at annual Afternoon in the Park.
 - a. Reminded directors of required attendance to Afternoon in the Park and encouraged family/friends to attend and assist as volunteers for booths.
 - b. Request for SWSA Directors to increase attendance and volunteer for booths.
 - c. Reported 110 Meyerland residents completed survey.
 - d. Discussion from members regarding quality improvement for next year's annual Afternoon in Park. All local schools invited to participate annually. Suggestions for improved quality of next year's event requested to be sent via e-mail to Jim.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Chris Bisel, Vice President
 - 1. Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) funds depleted for any more buyouts of homes/lots.
 - 2. Discussion from members regarding currently owned HCFCD lots and possibility of HCFCD releasing lots for public purchase/development. None currently released.
- B. March 11th, 2009 designated as date for Annual meeting (per by-laws).

New Business:

- A. Monthly Agenda: Cynthia Ruiz-Mansfield, President
 - 1. Reported goal is to get monthly agenda out earlier to members for review (10 days prior to scheduled meetings).
 - 2. Agenda will remain open and fluid.
 - 3. Request for all motions in written form prior to meeting (e-mail).
- B. Comment Card Box: Cynthia Ruiz-Mansfield, President
 - 1. Present at all scheduled board meetings.
 - 2. Request members use box for comments, suggestions, complaints, or accolades/praise.

Sydney Aron moved the meeting adjourn. Ben Ramsey seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by
Elizabeth Ray, MCIA Secretary