

**Meyerland Community Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 23, 2009**

Board members present:

Sidney Aron (1)*	Diane Knesbach	Gerald Radack
Marvin Blum	Sondra Ludwick	Ben Ramsey
Don Carter	Mark Massett	Elizabeth Ray
Mike Gavula	Scott Minchen	Cyndi Ruiz Mansfield
Shirley Hou	Janel Monasterio	Traci Romero (1)
Richard Jucker (1)	Steve Morgan (1)	Lynn Steen
Ed Kile	David Naff	Karen Velssels
		Margo White

Board members absent: *(#) = Absent total

Staff: Amy Hoechstetter Jim O'Rourke **Legal:** Lewis Jost (Absent)

Visitors: Scott Minchen

Call to order:

President, Ms. Ruiz Mansfield called the Board meeting to order at the Jewish Community Center on March 23, 2009 at 7:35 PM. A quorum was present.

Committee reports:

- A. Secretary's report: Elizabeth Ray, Secretary
1. Ms. Ray presented February Board minutes. Mr. Naff moved to waive reading of February minutes. Motion seconded. Motion adopted.
 2. Mr. Ramsey motioned to approve minutes. Motion seconded. Motion adopted.
- B. President's report: Cyndi Ruiz-Mansfield, President
1. Introduction of board members.
 2. Mr. Minchen, resident of Section 6, introduced self and requested appointment to board via open seat.
- C. Nominating Committee: Cyndi Ruiz-Mansfield, President
1. Reviewed Officer's nominated for 2009-2010 MCIA Board.
 - a. President: Cyndi Ruiz-Mansfield
 - b. Vice-President: David Naff
 - c. Treasurer: Mike Gavula
 - d. Secretary: Elizabeth Ray
 2. Requested nominations from the floor – none received.

C. Nominating Committee: (Continued)

3. Two open positions discussed.

a. At-Large position: Mr. Morgan requested appointment. Ms. Ruiz noted Mr. Morgan, although absent, requested appointment as MCIA At-Large Director.

b. Section Six Director: Mr. Minchen requested appointment.

c. Ms. Mansfield requested Mr. Minchen leave the boardroom to allow board discussion & vote.

d. Mr. Radack motioned to appoint Mr. Minchen as 2009-2010 Section Six At-Large Director. Motion seconded. Board vote: Motion approved. Mr. Minchen returned to boardroom.

e. Mr. Naff motioned to appoint Mr. Steve Morgan as 2009-2010 At-Large Director. Motion seconded. Board vote: Motion approved.

4. Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield, reviewed nominated officers. Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield left boardroom.

a. President: Ms. Ray, Secretary, requested nominations from floor. Mr. Naff motioned to appoint Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield as 2009-2010 MCIA President. Motion seconded. Board vote: Motion approved. Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield returned to boardroom.

b. Vice-President: Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield requested nominations from floor. Ms. Ludwick motioned to appoint Mr. David Naff as 2009-2010 MCIA Vice-President. Motion seconded. Board vote: Motion approved.

c. Secretary: Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield requested nominations from floor. Mr. Naff motioned to appoint Ms. Ray as MCIA 2009-2010 Secretary. Motion seconded. Board vote: Motion approved.

d. Treasurer: Ruiz-Mansfield requested nominations from floor. Mr. Naff motioned to appoint Mr. Gavula as MCIA 2009-2010 Treasurer. Motion seconded. Board vote: Motion approved.

D. General Manager's Report: Amy Hoechstetter, GM

1. Update on assessment received provided (1682 of 2310).

2. Reported \$375,000 in Assessments & \$292,000 Security payments received to date.

3. Noted all deadlines and extensions have passed for payment of Invoices.

4. Provided Board with Pink Trash Slips with more available in office.

5. Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield advised board members of their duty to keep up with their section's Deed Restrictions in order to enforce and follow up with Deed Violations. Discussed the use of the Pink Slips as a "Friendly Reminder".

E. Treasurer's Report: Cyndi Ruiz-Mansfield, President

1. Report will be provided at April Board meeting due to Mr. Gavula not present during first half of meeting.

2. Ms. Hoechstetter reported new reports will also be provided at April Board meeting.

New Business:

A. Publications Committee: Gerald Radack, Chair

1. Reported *The Meyerlander* deadline for articles March 30th. Advised board to check e-mail for article assignments.

2. Mr. Radack stated the committee is always open to receiving articles for future editions.

3. Reported conclusion after researching the possibility of allowing paid-for commercial advertising in the neighborhood quarterly newsletter, *The Meyerlander*, as requested by 2008-2009 Board. Written report attached.

New Business:

B. Program/Community Relations Committee: Shirley Hou, Chair

1. Written yearend report (attached) provided and reviewed (attached).
2. Reported positive articles from *Southwest News & Bellaire Examiner*.
3. Thanked the board and others for contributions to the 2009 Annual Meeting.
4. Requested pictures for website of board members.

C. Section Two Director: Mr. Gerald Radack

1. Discussed Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances to address the parking of vehicles on the front and side yard of single-family residential property: The Prohibited Yard Parking Program.
2. Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield referred the issue to Deed Restriction Committee to further research and review City Ordinances for possible resolution to have City enforce and fine violators.

D. Section One Director: Mike Gavula

1. Proposed freezing the assessment fee for residents aged Sixty-Five or older at current rate for next two years.
2. Board discussion.
3. Ms. Ruiz-Mansfield requested Mr. Gavula get with Financial Committee for review and to report findings at future meeting.

E. Next Board Meeting: 7:30pm - Monday, April 13th, 2009 at the Jewish Community Center.

Mr. Ramsey motioned to adjourn at 8:10pm. Motion seconded and adopted.

Prepared by
Elizabeth Ray, MCIA Secretary