

## **LAVACA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

### **Board MEETING**

*TUESDAY September 1, 2015 at La Frite*

**This meeting was called to order** by Jeff McPherson at 6:35 pm. 7 people were in attendance (Selsa Gonzalez, Vice-President ; Adele Strelchun, Treasurer; Adriana Becerra, Secretary; Paula Haley, At-Large member; Elizabeth Ball, At-Large Member; Alex Perez, At-Large Member )

**Treasurer's report** (Approved minutes as submitted. Budget= \$8, 831.02)

- Directors and Officers Policy was renewed

### **Ongoing business:**

#### **Quiet zone update**

- Members of the Dignowity Hills, Denver Heights, Alamo Dome Garden and the Lavaca Neighborhood Associations met at the end of July to discuss the quiet zone plan and unite to conduct a formal petition to City Council. The outcomes of the meeting were:
  - Neighborhood Associations agreed that the train noise is an inconvenience for the residents.
  - They shared updates regarding the quiet zone petitions made in the past:
    - Intercity TIRZ .- When property value in a particular neighborhood increase, the money is invested back in the neighborhood. Money has been applied for quiet zones from Alamo Dome to Dignowity Hills.
    - The zone affecting Lavaca is only one strip of 8 intersections from Carolina/Florida to the Alamo Dome. This area is mainly surrounded by industrial warehouses.
  - The group wrote a common letter to City Council with the formal petition to address this issue in District 1,2 and 5.
    - City Council will contact the City Engineer to see what needs to be done to transform the area to a quiet zone and determine if there is enough funding available.

#### **Parking/Traffic Updates**

- Background Information: KWA/LNA is asking the City to enforce existing traffic and parking laws to ensure safety.
- Joint KWA/LNA general parking/transit meeting in August outcomes:
  - The City of San Antonio will fund a study to look at streets and determine parking problems to come up with possible solutions.
  - The Neighborhood Associations are only asking for law enforcement at this point and not for the creation of new rules. They both agreed that it is important that people come to this area to enjoy it but with respect for the residents that live here.

#### **Victoria Commons update by Joan Carrabin:**

- Joan spoke with Ramiro Maldonado, SAHA's contact person. He informed that they expect to begin advertizing the lots at Leigh St. by the end of the month. As discussed before, SAHA will set guidelines, take offers from the public and provide 90 days to turn in proposals for people interested.
- Bike share is interested in having an office at this location. VIA is examining the possibility of adopting Bike share under their wing.

## **New Business**

- **General Meeting – September 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - Location: 2000 S. Presa Street. Time: 7:00 pm
- **Membership card and local discounts:**
  - Membership cards will be distributed during the General Meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cards will list local restaurants with special discounts for Lavaca residents who bring their membership card at their location.
- **T-shirts**
  - LNA will be selling amazing Lavaca T-shirts to fundraise money for future projects and to continue promoting the pride of living in the oldest neighborhood in San Antonio.
- **SA's National Night Out- October 6<sup>th</sup> @ Labor Park- 7:00 pm**
  - Come and enjoy the night while sharing a wonderful evening with your neighbors!
  - Bring a dessert to share!
  - Bring your chair or picnic blanket
  - Cheer for the Southtown kickball teams and enjoy the music!
- **Garage Sale (Joint KWA/LNA)- October 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - People interested can sign up during the General Meeting. Your location will be included in the Garage Sale map for the public.
  - Free for LNA members
  - \$5.00 fee for non-members
  - \*\*\* City permit required
- **2016 Board**
  - After this year, Jeff and Adele would have served their time in the Board. We appreciate what they have done and continue doing for our neighborhood.
  - LNA is inviting all residents interested in being part of the 2016 Board of Directors to contact the association.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.