



LAVACA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 7:00 pm
Freetail Brewery, 2000 S. Presa St. 78210

Officers and Directors

Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, President	Nick Melde, Planning Dir.
Selsa Gonzalez, President - Emeritus	Laurel Smyth, Membership Dir.
Darryl Ohlenbusch, Vice President	Billy Lawrence, Parking and Public Safety Dir.
Karen Glenney, Secretary	Billy Lambert, Southtown Business Owner
Vik Gudi, Treasurer	Curtis Bowers, Zoning and Historic Preservation Dir.
Douglas Mendizábal, Communications Dir.	Joan Carabin, Fundraising Dir.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, who re-introduced the Board of Directors to the attendees.

Viva Lavaca!	Ms. Rohr-Allegrini thanked the owners of Freetail on behalf of the LNA for donating its brewery for the meeting. She then introduced a special guest, 103-year-old Julia Medina, who has lived in Lavaca for 81 years. Ms. Medina moved to the neighborhood in 1937, when Lavaca included what is now Hemisfair. She expressed confidence that the neighborhood is coming back.
1. Treasurer's Report	Ms. Rohr-Allegrini presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance as of March 6, 2018, is \$10,706.85. The association hopes to net about \$2000 from sales of the Fiesta medals. The association will want to have sufficient funds for the Labor St. Park project.
2. Parking Update	Billy Lawrence thanked Councilman Roberto Trevino for his support of the pilot parking plan going before City Council at an upcoming meeting. The pilot, which calls for residents to park on one side of the street and event parking on the other, will replace the current event-parking program. Residents will be allowed four permits and warnings will be given before tickets are issued. The special event barricade program will be studied for six months.
3. Medal Sales	Ms. Rohr-Allegrini announced that the 2018 LNA Fiesta medals are for sale at the membership table.
4. Labor St. Park	Darryl Ohlenbusch announced that the first public hearing for the Labor St. Park is on March 28.

<p>5. Tricentennial Presentation</p>	<p>Laura Mayes from the Tricentennial Commission reviewed plans for the city’s Tricentennial celebration to kick off the first week of May. The commission, under the new chair, Cynthia Matson, Texas A&M President, includes Lionel Sosa, whom Mayes recognized for his leadership.</p>
<p>6. Report from State Rep. Diego Bernal</p>	<p>State Rep. Diego Bernal reported on the history of the state’s contribution to school finance. Up until 2008, the state contributed 50 percent of the funds for local schools; today it is 36 percent, pushing the responsibility to local taxpayers. He is working on legislation to benefit “legacy homeowners” who are being pushed out due to gentrification. The plan involves creating a “bridge to 65,” that would freeze property taxes when they rose to a certain level.</p>
<p>7. SAISD Property Sale</p>	<p>SAISD Trustee Steve Lechelop and developer Bill Shown from Silver Ventures reported on development plans, following the sale of the SAISD property on Lavaca St. Mr. Lechelop explained the sale was to raise funds to consolidate administrative offices for the school district to one headquarters. Silver Ventures, which developed The Pearl, was the highest bidder. Mr. Shown assured the LNA that whatever is created for the property, it will be up to Silver Venture’s high standards and that adequate parking will be included. Mr. Lechelop added that the Burnet school, which currently houses administrative functions may be reopened as a neighborhood school by September 2020. Mr. Sosa spoke in favor of the project.</p>
<p>8. Housing Task Force Review</p>	<p>Ms. Rohr-Allegrini reported that the Mayor’s Task Force on Housing will have its first public meeting April 7. The topic will be maintaining resilient neighborhoods.</p>
<p>9. STR Ordinance Update</p>	<p>Councilman Roberto Trevino noted several items related to the city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline to contest property taxes is May 15. • The city is looking at empowerment zones regarding renters. • A new parade ordinance is being considered so that “free speech” does not have to cost money. • The “Tricentennial Story” on exhibit at Centro des Artes was designed by architecture students. • The fledgling downtown master lighting plan includes King William and Lavaca. Ms. Rohr-Allegrini is working with the group. • No update on STRs • Sidewalks are the #1 ask of the City Council. The City Charter dictates that sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner, but the city has been replacing them.
<p>10. Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Bonham fund-raiser to be held March 24. • Next General Meeting is May 15. • A code compliance officer from the city spoke briefly.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:09.
Karen Glenney, Secretary**