



# LAVACA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 7:00 pm  
Via Zoom Conference Call

<b>Officers and Directors</b>  Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, President Sarah Sorenson, Vice President Kat Doucette, Secretary Vik Gudi, Treasurer Nick Melde, Planning Amy Young, Communications Dir.	Douglas Mendizabal, Membership Director Jim Johnson, Transportation & Public Safety Billy Lambert, Southtown Business Owner Darryl Ohlenbusch, Zoning & Historic Pres. Alma Gonzalez, Events Coordinator Nataly Jennings, At Large
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Board Members Present: Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, Kat Doucette, Amy Young, Sarah Sorensen, Jim Johnson, Alma Gonzalez, Douglas Mendizabal

Board Members Absent: Nataly Jennings, Billy Lambert, Vik Gudi, Darryl Ohlenbusch, Nick Melde

Guests: Officer McCall, Officer James Flavin

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>Meeting Called to order at 7:03 pm</b>
<b>2. Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updates from elected officials and SAFFE Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Officer McCall announcements - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Burglaries of buildings have gone up a little bit and so have car burglaries in the last 6 months. He is working with his team to lower the stats.</li> <li>▪ Criminal mischief was the most noticeable number that went up – tagging (graffiti) went up.</li> <li>▪ Thefts of vehicles has decreased from 6 to 1 in the last 6 months.</li> <li>▪ The Southtown Community Garden situation has gotten better. The camp has been cleaned out and the trash picked up.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Assistant Chief James Flavin</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community Notification Program – you have to sign up for it. Text “SAPD” to 39987 to get signed up for crime information, crime prevention tips, safety tips, etc.</li> <li>○ He welcomes us to attend the Citizens Police Academy. It’s a 12 week program, 3 hours every Tuesday night. It’s back up and running. Contact Randy McCumbers at (210) 207-6212. There will also be classes in January, April and July 2022.</li> <li>○ National Night Out was cancelled due to COVID, but they hope to have it back up and running next year.</li> <li>○ You can reach SAPD Chief James Flavin at <a href="mailto:james.flavin@sanantonio.gov">james.flavin@sanantonio.gov</a> or (210) 207-7368.</li> </ul>
<b>3. SAISD Bond Update/Burnet – Sarah Sorensen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is movement at the Burnet campus to serve the needs of Bohnam Academy as it continues to grow.</li> <li>- They’ll be seeking community input for design, taking into consideration the culture of the community and culture of the school</li> <li>- Tentative meeting date of Oct. 14, which will focus on all D1 bond projects. It will be in-person with remote options. Final details will be</li> <li>- They appointed an interim superintendent, Robert Jecklitch, to replace Pedro Martinez who is moving to Chicago.</li> <li>- For questions, contact Sarah Sorensen at <a href="mailto:ssorensen1@saisd.net">ssorensen1@saisd.net</a></li> </ul>
<b>4. Minutes Online</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Previous general meetings and board meeting minutes are available at <a href="http://www.lavaca.net">www.lavaca.net</a></li> </ul>
<b>5. Finance Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We currently have \$12,817 in our bank account. Most of it is carryover from previous years because we have not been able to fundraise for the last year and a half due to COVID.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Victoria Commons Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Previous to last week, the zoning for the area was IDZ. Last week an application went in front of Zoning to “zone-down” the area. The childcare site is IDZ-3 and the townhome sites are now IDZ-2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Decreased density</li> <li>○ Increase in parking requirements</li> <li>○ Increase in setbacks</li> <li>○ Limits on height</li> <li>○ Adherence to site plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The Administration Building is still up in the air. We are working with SAHA to accomplish a land swap for the Admin. Building so that we can keep the Labor St. Park and Admin Building in their current locations.</li> <li>- Leigh St. neighbors signed an MOU with SAHA to increase parking to 1.5 spaces per unit and also that SAHA will privately fund and operate a throughway from McMonigal place to Labor St.</li> <li>- SAHA and Catellus are working to create a 10-15 ft. paved trail to provide recreational space for pedestrians and cyclists while connecting nearby economic centers and redevelopment centers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Extending existing multi-use path along I-37</li> </ul>
<b>7. The Patio Demolition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There has been a request for demolition of “The Patio” building. It’s not in the historic district, but it is in NCD-1.</li> <li>- There is concern with what will replace the building if it is demolished.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Traffic Improvement Plan – Jim Johnson and Melissa Stendahl</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They have submitted petitions for Devine and Carolina to implement traffic calming measures. The petitions request traffic studies. They have not received anything back yet.</li> <li>- They will continue with the process on other neighborhood streets that need traffic calming measures, including Leigh/Eager, Devine/Eager, Sadie/Riddle and Delaware/Staffel</li> <li>- These traffic calming measures have been requested by members of the neighborhood. They submitted requests to the surrounding neighbors</li> <li>- Marcy Newman says that no one contacted her about the stop signs. She enters her objection to traffic calming measures. She says that adding a stop sign will limit her street parking. She requests that the LNA Board make a more diligent effort to contact those who will be immediately impacted.</li> <li>- Ellen Pitluk says that no one has made contact with her about the proposed stop sign. She says that adding a stop sign will limit her street parking. She says it feels like a solution in search of a problem.</li> <li>- Amber Cibriano on Callaghan and Eager expresses concern about adding stop sign because it will limit her street parking.</li> <li>- Loretta (on Lavaca St) has received no communication about traffic calming measures, but supports a stop sign on Lavaca and Indianola.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Art Walk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal to do an art walk on Devine St. as a fundraiser.</li> <li>- If anyone in the neighborhood is interested in helping host it, we welcome all to join.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you don’t want to have a named position on the LNA Board, but you want to get involved, we have a lot of committees that you can join.</li> <li>- If you want to vote on the Board positions, you must be a paid in full member.</li> </ul>
<b>11. Board Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are always looking for board members</li> <li>- Board meetings are the first Monday of every month. They have been virtual due to COVID.</li> <li>- Anyone is welcome to join. Anyone who wants to join must request in advance to join and will be given a little time to speak.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Adjourn</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm</b>

