

San Jacinto Neighborhood Community Meeting: Plan to Action

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2020

Location: Generation Next, 3503 SW 6th Avenue

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Attendees:	Sherrie Ferguson	Tyler Tatum	City of Amarillo:	Emily Koller
(per sign-in)	Titus Gilner	Jason Barrett		Torie BenShushan
	Kathryn Traves	Dani Baker		
	Nina Shoemaker	Angie Shafer		
	Kelly Paulk	Dennis Rhyne		
	Victor Arroyo	Patricia Rhyne		
	Jeannie Lira	Rosemarie Schnitt		
	Willis Carroll	Stefanie Brawley		
	Katherine Pledger	Mark Rowh		
	Aaron Taylor III	Cheryl Fairly		
	Brady Clark	Jason Ramos		
	Linda Kelley	Claire Hayes		
	Dacia Anderson	David Garza		
	Mike Kelley	Dirk Funk		
	Leslyn Gillman	Dora Meroney		

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions. Victor Arroyo, Youth Pastor with Generation Next, welcomed everyone to the venue. Kathryn Traves, Neighborhood Plan Advisory Committee member, gave a brief overview of the agenda.

2. Collaborative Opportunities. Traves introduced each speaker and explained that these short updates provided an opportunity to learn about organizations and resources that could benefit the plan efforts.

a. Legal Aid of Northwest Texas. Nina Shoemaker from Legal Aid of Northwest Texas spoke about two possible organizational options - incorporated and unincorporated organizations – explaining the differences between them and how SJ could access their services. An incorporated non-profit can file for 501c3 status and draft official documents such as bylaws. Nina provided an example service request form.

b. P.E.T.S. Clinic. Angie Shafer and Dacia Anderson spoke about the new P.E.T.S. clinic in the area (Preventing Euthanasia Through Spay/Neutering). The clinic provides veterinary services including shots and spay/neutering services. They do not care for sick or injured animals. The non-profit clinic just performed their 3,000th surgery and continues to provide services through the area, as well as being a resource to pet owners who need guidance. The employees even helped organize a charity for a four-legged resident of the San Jacinto neighborhood who needed emergency medical care.

c. Metal Artist - Plant Containers. Dirk Funk introduced Warren Hill, owner of Tejas Ironworks, to discuss dressing up the Route 66 corridor. Warren explained the importance of balancing functionality with artistry, emphasizing that art pieces such as planters should use a subtle creativity to accent the business and allow the businesses to flourish. Tejas Ironworks is interested in assisting with streetscape improvements and beautification projects.

3. Action Items. Traves encouraged the community to read the full San Jacinto Neighborhood Plan and referenced the project matrix at the end of the document to fully understand the difference between the

quick-action projects prioritized by the community during the first year and the long-term goals that will take ongoing cooperation.

a. Conduct Board of Directors Composition. Traves read the list of members named in the Neighborhood Plan who had attended at least 60% of the planning meetings, and proposed as a solution to the ongoing discussion about board formation that those members act as interim board until an association has been formed.

Everyone participated in a self-nominating activity where they could add their names to the official interim board roster along with the role they could serve. See roles below:

- Property Owner (2)
- Business Owner (2)
- Resident (2)
- Resident (2)
- Faith-based/non-profit/education (2)
- At-large (3)

b. Confirm Committee Chair Positions. Traves led an activity where all attendees were given the opportunity to officially volunteer for committee chair positions by either confirming the interest expressed on 2/6 or adding a new name.

c. Solidify Committee Members. All attendees participated in an activity where they could add their names as members to any of the proposed committees.

c. Complete Membership Forms. Traves clarified that the membership forms are for people to provide their contact information so that the new neighborhood association can work on a communications effort. At this time there are no dues. By completing the form, you agree to be contacted regularly about planning efforts, committee meetings, etc.

4. Immediate Project Announcements. There were no announcements.

5. For Your Consideration for Next Meeting. Traves called on the community to continue thinking about priorities for the next meeting including working on setting priorities for the bond funds projects. She explained the bond fund availability and its restriction to right-of-way projects, and defined right-of-way as streets, sidewalks, alleys - anything from property line to property line. She noted there are some restrictions in the bond fund wording. Traves also reviewed the “Year at a Glance Schedule” to help the group think about next steps. This included future officer position nominations and growing membership.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS FOR LEADERSHIP BOARD (15):

- Brady Clark (Non-profit/Property Owner/Business Owner)
- Chip Hunt (Business and Property Owner)
- Dani Baker (Resident)
- Dirk Funk (Business Owner/Property Owner/At-large)
- Dora Meroney (Non-profit/Business Owner/Resident)
- Janet Kelley (Resident)
- Jason Barrett (Business Owner/Property Owner/Resident/Non-profit)
- Jason Ramos (Non-profit/Business Owner)
- Jeannie Lira (Resident)
- Kathryn Traves (Education/Business Owner/At-large)
- Linda Kelley (Business Owner/Property Owner)
- Sherrie Ferguson (Non-profit/Property Owner)
- Tyler Tatum (Resident?)
- Van Moore (Property Owner/Resident/Business Owner)
- Victor Arroyo (Faith-based/Education)

VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEES

Communication: Chair – Jason Barrett

- Janette Kelley
- Jeannie Lira
- Kathryn Traves
- Sherrie Ferguson
- Titus Gilner
- Victor Arroyo

Arts: Chair – Kat Pledger

- Aaron Taylor III
- Dani Baker
- David Garza
- Jake Salas
- Jason Barrett
- Kelly Paulk
- Shannon Lamb
- Titus Gilner
- Victor Arroyo

Property Owners Group (primarily focused on residential): Chair – Linda Kelley

- Kat Pledger
- Rosemarie Schmitt
- Stefanie Crawley
- Van Moore
- Ken Neely

Resident Committee: Chair – Jason Barrett

- Claire Hayes
- Curt Besselman
- Dani Baker
- Dora Meroney
- Janette Kelley
- Jason Ramos
- Jeannie Lira

Neighborhood Safety: Chair – Jason Barrett

- Dani Baker
- David Garza
- Dora Meroney
- Janette Kelley
- Jason Ramos
- Josh Paxton
- Rosemarie Schmitt
- Shannon Lamb
- Sherrie Ferguson
- Victor Arroyo

Route 66: Chair – Dora Meroney

- David Garza
- Dennis Rhyne
- Kat Pledger
- Kathryn Traves
- Patricia Rhyne
- Shannon Lamb

Merchant Association: Chair – Dirk Funk

- Chip Hunt – 6th Street Antiques
- Chris Griffin – Blue Crane Bakery
- David Garza
- Dennis Rhyne – Costume Castle
- Dora Meroney – Texas Ivy
- Jake Salas
- Jason Barrett – The 806
- Kelly Paulk – The Muse
- Mark Rowh – Time Passages
- Patricia Rhyne – Costume Castle
- Shannon Lamb - Evermore
- Tonya – Yellow City Rose

Alley Improvement: Chair – Linda Kelley

- David Garza
- Dora Meroney
- Tyler Tatum

Pedestrian Infrastructure: Chair – Tyler Tatum

- Cheryl Fairly
- Dora Meroney
- Kat Pledger
- Leslyn Gillman
- Linda Kelley
- Sherrie Ferguson

Stray Animals: Chair – Janette Kelley

- Dani Baker
- Kathryn Traves