

CHRNA General Meeting Minutes

For November 21, 2024

- ❖ **Meeting attendance:** 3 board members, 14 members, 1 guest.
- ❖ **Meet & Greet Social:** Hosted by CHRNA board from 6:30 PM until 7 PM
- **General Meeting Called to Order:** at 7:03 PM by President Damian Arocho who wanted to tell all the members and board members that “Thank You” isn’t said enough for being a part of CHRNA and being a member and what the members do as a whole and individually. As President of our Crownwood neighborhood, he would like to thank all who participate as members and non-members for the good they do in our neighborhood.
- **CHRNA BUSINESS**
 - **Minutes from the General Meeting held on September 19, 2024:** was presented to the attendees by Secretary Jenny Smith. The minutes were posted on the Crownwood Subdivision website and asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes. There were no changes noted. With that George Wood made the first motion to accept the minutes, and Raul Luna was the second to accept the minutes. All in attendance accepted the motion.
 - **Treasurer Report:** was read by President Damian Arocho. Our ending balance as of November 20, 2024 for the General Fund is \$2,398.71, Blessing Box Fund is \$214.27, and Benevolent Fund is \$3,411.80. Member Karen Brown made the first motion to accept the Treasurer Report, with Frank Vitale making the second motion, and all in attendance were in favor to accept the motion.
 - **Crownwood Crime Report:** Damian and COP leader Stan Smith gave us a quick update on our crime report. We’ve only had 3 crimes since November 1st. Two of them were family related (assault within the family home, and a different family had a credit card theft within the family home). The third wasn’t even in our neighborhood, it was on Crestway, and it was a car was evading the police from another area. The police got the car stopped on Crestway along our neighborhood and arrested the person. We as a neighborhood need to keep our eyes and ears open to everything around us. If you see something on your usual route that doesn’t look normal, call it in to be safe. If it is not a true emergency, please call the Bexar County non-emergency number at 210-335-6000 and press option 2.

- **Crownwood website:** We will continue to post all information that is needed and available to Crownwood on the website. We will also be posting and being more present on the Crownwood Facebook page, and relaying that readers also visit the website for more detailed information and to contact the CHRNA Board for any questions or concerns. CHRNA Board has stepped away the past year or so from Facebook, but have made it a commitment to be more present on presenting information on Facebook as well. A lot of the decision has come from the upcoming giant street project Crownwood is very soon going to be going under. We as a board feel that we need to utilize all of our outlets to get the important information out to the residents of Crownwood.
- **Blessing Boxes:** Crownwood is are doing great work on helping keep food in the Blessing Boxes. We know this time of year can be very hard for families, with kids being home on Thanksgiving break and Christmas break; we need a little more food to help fill those little bellies. If you have non perishable foods to give from a food pantry your family doesn't use, think of putting that in the Blessing Box. There are also the "cup of soup" bags that aren't much, and a few dollars of those could mean a week of lunches for child or even adult this time of year. We have seen many people utilize the Blessing Box through receiving and giving, and as the Board we are in hopes that it keeps helping our community. We also know that you may have a few clothing items or toys in a box that you don't want to drive and drop off, but we ask that you DO NOT put any items other than FOOD ITEMS in, or around the Blessing Box. The Blessing Box and area are not for you to put your unwanted items, the Blessing Box is FOR NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ONLY PLEASE.
- **Upper Serene Ridge Entrance:** The second island, the one with NO SIGN will be taken out and gone by the end of our street project. We are letting the community know that you may come and take any of the rock, dirt, whatever you may want from that island. Please DO NOT take anything from the first island with the Crownwood sign on it please. Once the road project is done, we as a board and members alike will put some ideas together to brighten that entrance and make it more welcoming.
- **CROWNWOOD STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** is to start the beginning of February 2025. Our next General Meeting will be held January 16, 2025 with people from the construction team being there to give those in attendance more details and time lines on when and how things are planned to go. As we all know,

things happen and construction doesn't always stay on schedule, especially when you are talking about tearing the streets completely down and replacing main water lines. This is a HUGE PROJECT for our neighborhood, but one that has needed to be done for many years. Beverly Lee suggested that we get an ambassador for each street as the point of contact to distribute information about the street project for their specific street. With that, Frank Vitale suggested that we get 1-2 ambassadors that are not on the CHRNA Board to be the main point of contact for the neighborhood to be in communication with the project manager, etc. so they can distribute and be in communication with the street ambassadors. We need more people to volunteer to help with the street project or it's going to be a disaster with all the questions that people are going to have. Brian Sadovsky suggested that we make more signs throughout the neighborhood to let residents know that our streets are going to be torn up. We know that the construction/ county will be placing their big signs at the entrances stating construction, but it would be nice to have some other reminders of what streets may not have direct access to them when that time comes. Damian and Beverly reminded everyone to check their emails on the way out so that we can get the members the information to them via email as well as through the website and Facebook.

- **Letter from SAWS:** Whether you opened the letter, or just threw it away, many of you opened and read the letter that was sent out to every SAWS customer throughout Bexar County. Some people are worried that the letter was stating that our pipes have lead in them. SAWS cannot confirm or deny that any of their pipes have lead in them. If you are worried about your pipes containing lead, you can request a test kit from SAWS and have your water tested. Beverly Lee said she said that a few years ago, and it came back with a very low amount of lead, as I'm sure any home built over 40 years ago would have some trace amounts. Again, if you are concerned, get your water tested, or just get a faucet or house water filter system and you can filter it out yourself.
- **Elections and Benevolent Fund Voting:** As members of CHRNA you had the opportunity to vote on the current board, and if the Board should go back and evaluate the Benevolent Fund. The current board members ran unopposed and will continue to serve the community: President Damian Arocho, Vice President Walt Ledbetter, Treasurer Stella McCoy, and Secretary Jenny Smith. We had 14 vote to evaluate the Benevolent Fund and 3 against looking at evaluating the Benevolent Fund. As the Board comes together in December, we will look at how it's funded, if it needs to have a cap on the

amount in the fund, how we get the money into the fund if we don't use 50/50 raffle ticket sales, and see what bylaws may need to change. We encourage you as a member to give us your input about what changes you feel should be addressed to the board. When the board has taken into consideration all input from the members, looked over the bylaws and came to a conclusion on what we feel needs to change, we will bring the proposal to the members that attend the Meeting on January 16, 2025 to be voted on.

- **ENDING THOUGHTS:** Former and current Presidents Beverly Lee and Damian Arocho made final remarks for us to embrace. We need to take back our neighborhood from the naysayers and speak positively about the things that are happening in, and around, Crownwood. When it comes to the betterment of our neighborhood the question should always be, "What are you doing for our neighborhood to make it a better, more engaged, enjoyable place? What do you think could be done to make the neighborhood better?" The Board, members, and residents alike all have input, and we all want to hear it. We need to keep fighting the good fight for Crownwood. Don't give up, and keep pushing forward with the good positive attitude with all those you encounter.

CHRNA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ❖ **LIGHT UP CROWNWOOD:** Nominations and entries need to be emailed to CrownwoodHOA@crownwoodsubdivision.com ATTN: Light Up Crownwood with the following information: Full name, address, and phone number. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE EMAILED BY MIDNIGHT SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH.** There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, and also the top two honorable mentions. **THIS IS OPEN TO ALL HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS THAT RESIDE IN THE CROWNWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD!!!**
- ❖ **Republic Services Customers:** Brush/Bulk trash pick-up dates are **February 5th-9th, May 6th-10th, August 5th-9th, and November 4th-8th.**
- ❖ **YARD OF THE MONTH:** Will start back up in 2025 with nominations and entries starting in June, with the first yard being awarded in July, then August and our third and final yard will be awarded in September. Details and entry forms to come in 2025.
- ❖ **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:** **CHRNA** board will be taking over the National Night Out celebration for the 2025 year in October. Date and time will be determined as the time get's closer.
- ❖ **TRUNK-OR-TREAT:** Even though we didn't have any one show up to give or get treats this year, We as a CHRNA Board will have the Trunk-or-Treat again this coming 2025 year, even with the big construction street project. We will give more details as the time comes closer for Halloween in October 2025.

WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION WITH THE EVENTS THAT WE HAVE. GET THE WORD OUT AND TELL ALL YOUR NEIGHBORS!!! LET US BE A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WORKS TOGETHER AND ARE PROUD TO BE WHERE WE LIVE.