

CHRNA General Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2024

- **Meeting attendance:** 5 members of the CHRNA Board, 18 members and 5 guests
- The General Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM by President Damian Arocho who began by welcoming all guests and members. We had guests Ramon Chapa from Commissioner Tommy Calvert's office, Todd Putnam from Bexar County Public works, Charles Yamashiro and Aldo Hernandez from K. Friese and Associates (the Phase 1 design team). All were there on behalf of the Crownwood road project.
- President Damian Arocho started the meeting with the questions that he submitted to the list of people on the CHRNA road project. Damian received these questions from CHRNA residence. Do we still have the funding and what is being done with the funding we have and need for the road project? What can "WE" as CHRNA residence do to get our streets done? What can the county do to help the crime of car break-ins and mailbox break-ins, vandalism of mailboxes and stolen property?
- What kind of Street light funding is there? CHRNA Board has done some research, but wants to know more. Where can they be put since we don't have easements, and looking at putting them at the mailboxes since that's where the worst crime is.
- The white poles at Lower Serene Ridge and Crestway have not really done their job, as residents still come out and make a left hand turn. One of the poles is completely gone from someone running it over going too fast. The pole is in Damian's possession.
- We need more speed limit signs on Crestway. There is one around Forest Ridge and Crestway, and one at ARC. The Judson Service Center of the Public Works division will be contacted about adding more along Crestway.
- There needs to be more speed control by BCSO. We also need more signs in our neighborhood, as only have a few at the entrances and maybe one on Ridge Mile, and other bigger streets is not enough, there can be more put up.
- Damian handed the floor to Mr. Chapa to cover questions that relate to the Commissioner's office that he can answer or get answers for CHRNA.
- **Mailboxes:** Mr. Chapa explained that there are neighborhoods that are on the radar for crime and best neighborhoods to get the funding for lights to be put in their neighborhoods. He is happy to tell us that we are one of the top neighborhoods that were on the list before Damian brought the subject up, and Mr. Chapa has since come out and looked at our mailboxes and documented which ones are currently broken, and which ones are recurrent break-ins. Mr. Chapa thanks Damian for submitting pictures and documenting the break-ins, it may help bring our neighborhood up in urgency of getting the funding for lights in the neighborhood. Camelot neighborhood got something like 19 lights put in their neighborhood for crimes and mailbox vandalism. We are also a neighborhood on the same list to potentially get cameras put in at the mailboxes to help catch and monitor vandalism. There is a long list of people and departments to contact to get the mailboxes fixed and security measures in place. Mr.

Chapa and the Commissioner's office have already been going down the list to get our issues raised and reported. He is working on a more simple way to contact the correct people to make it a shorter process when the next event rises. Mr. Chapa stated that getting the mailboxes repaired are an issue that needs to be sent to our congressman and have him put pressure on the Post Office.

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- **Judge and funding:** There is currently a rumor people are hearing that there is a County Judge that wants to give the allocated money for county projects to building an arena for the San Antonio Spurs. Mr. Chapa said that will not happen but he did ask for our neighborhood support if and when the time comes to push back against any decision of the Judge with regard to funding and keeping the allocated money where it belongs, for our community or for our surrounding communities.
- Mr. Ramon Chapa gave his information if you have questions or concerns. He asked that you call or email with kindness, and he will respond within 24 hours.

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- Todd Putnam of Bexar County Public Works came to us with a lot of information, and answered the many questions that Damian and our neighborhood had presented prior to the meeting, and the ones that were asked at the meeting. As we all know, inflation is affecting everyone, everywhere, in every aspect of our lives. That includes construction, bills, food, everything. He told us that County budgets are reviewed and done in September. Our money that has been allocated and given to us is still there and WILL be used for our Crownwood street project, and our streets WILL get done. With that said the budget for our street project will go to budget planning in September 2024, bidding for the street project will end October 2024. Phase 1 of Crownwood street project should start in January, no later than February 2025. Phase 1 should take 9 months to 1 year to complete. SAWS will be replacing ALL main water service lines and water lines up to the house meters. A map of Phase 1 and Phase 2 were handed out at the meeting, this also listed a website where you can go and see what is going on with the construction of our streets. The driveway easements/bibs will be replaced with correct steepness/angle to accommodate ADA requirements.

- **** **IMPORTANT:** If you have a carport in the ground or driveway is around the poles of your carport, they will work around that. If you have a fence, bushes, flowers, etc. within 2 feet of the current sidewalk, will need to be moved if you want to keep them, or they will be gone when construction starts. If you need anything moved, you will receive a letter prior to the construction crew working on your property to let you know what needs to be moved, along with a timeline of when it will be done. ****
- Ken Rodd asked what is going to be done with cars parked on the curbs that move and don't move. Todd stated that the residence will be given a letter stating a time frame of when the vehicle needs moved or it will be towed at owner's expense. If you have cars that hang over the bib of the driveway, your vehicle will have to be moved during construction to another street. Patty Rodela asked if a person is thinking of replacing or fixing their driveway closer to their home, should they wait or go ahead with the project. Todd said it's honestly up to the owner, but he would wait until your street is done. Stan Smith asked if you want to replace your driveway, would the construction crew replace it at a cost. Todd said, yes they will replace it, but you would have to put in a request for it to be done. We will be getting ADA compliant sidewalks. That's edge of curb at the street to the edge of sidewalk at your yard, the exact size as the sidewalks on Crestway that they just finished earlier this year.
- **Phase 2:** The question of the rollover curbs on the lower end of the neighborhood around Forest Ridge area was asked if sidewalks will be put in there as well. Todd said as of right now rollover curbs are going to stay and any areas of sidewalk that are not connected to others will be connected during Phase 2. With that, the questions and comments of making the neighborhood ADA compliant came up. If they keep the rollover curbs, those are not ADA compliant, and only having part of the neighborhood with sidewalks and another part without is not safe for children or adults for walking, because of people parking on the sidewalks. Todd and the design team will bring that up for discussion for Phase 2 and talk about the issues that may arise.

(PHASE 1 and 2 map presented at the meeting is located on the next page).



- **Google Fiber:** We know that the Google Fiber boxes, electrical boxes and water access are all within the 2 foot that will be used to put our new sidewalks. Todd told us that Google Fiber has been contacted many times with the current projected construction times to get their boxes moved prior to construction.
- Todd stated that we as a Crownwood community will have another meeting to bring forth a more finalized projected plan and timeline for our street project. It will be a major project, so please be kind and patient with all involved. They know we as residence are being inconvenienced. With that last statement, Jenny Smith asked what they will be able to do for those that are handicapped that use wheelchairs, walkers and are not steady on their feet, or ones that used motorized wheelchairs and ensuring they still have access to their homes. Todd said there will be letters ahead of time letting residence know the time frame of when their street will be worked on and what day's what things will be worked on. The road crew will give temporary access to homes on a case by case basis for proper accommodations.
- **Street Project roundup:** As of right now the project is going smoothly with planning and everything and is projected to start by end of January, first part of February 2025 for Phase1. Total time per home for inconvenience should be about 1 week.

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- Damian made the statement that we as the Crownwood residents need to start talking about questions and concerns regarding the Phase 2 of our street projects while they are in the beginning stages of designing the project. One concern would be the rollover curbs, some people like them because it makes it safer to get in and out of their vehicle parking into their yards because of the speeds that other residents drive into and out of the neighborhood. Having traditional curbs and sidewalks would make it harder and less safe for elderly residents as well as put their vehicles in danger of being hit in the street, as they have already witnessed.
- **Crownwood sign Vandalism (upper Serene Ridge):** Frank Vitale made the Crownwood billboard signs that are at lower Forest Ridge, and the one that was at Upper Serene Ridge by the ARC. As many noticed and was posted on Facebook, the sign was purposefully vandalized beyond repair. The vandalism happened early morning July 19, 2024. The main board of the sign was ripped away and the 4x4x10 foot metal posts were ripped out of the ground, along with the concrete they were still attached to. Frank's direct quote "WE DO NOT BEHAVE LIKE THIS IN CROWNWOOD." Frank has done so many things in the many years he has lived here. He was one of the first original families to be in the neighborhood, and still reside here with pride. All he has ever wanted this Crownwood neighborhood to be is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". If you have a problem, reach out to Frank, a board member, anyone to get you help or solve your problems that concern the neighborhood. He let us know that the sign is beyond repair, but he working on building a new one.
- **CHRNA General Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from our last meeting on May 16, 2024 were posted on the Crownwoodsubdivision.com website. A motion was requested to accept the meeting minutes as

posted- Frank Vitale motioned and Jesse Dominguez seconded. All in attendance were in favor of accepting the minutes with no changes. Stella gave the treasurer report and stated we need more members to be able to do more for the neighborhood. Damian explained a question that has been brought up many of times and was asked on Facebook. What is the 50/50 raffle? 50% of the funds that come in from the ticket sales go to the winner. The other 50% is split in half, 25% goes to the general fund to help with the Blessing Boxes, Yard of the Month, Light Up Crownwood, etc. The other 25% goes to our Benevolent Fund. Damian did a quick rundown of our Calendar of Events coming up between now and September that are listed at the end of the meeting notes.

- Republic/C6 Customers have Bulk Trash Pick Up on Monday August 5th, but is recommended to have it out by Sunday August 4th. You may have 4 cubic yards of Bulk Items.
- 50/50 Raffle Ticket winner was Pat Doyle, and he received \$120 for half the pot. That means that \$60 will go to the general fund, and \$60 will go to the benevolent fund. We also raffled off 8 door prizes, that Vice President Walt Ledbetter brought, for those in attendance.
- Meeting was brought to adjourn at 8:06PM with Brian Sadovsky motioning for adjournment and Patty Rodella seconding. All were in agreement to end the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

- GENERAL MEETINGS
 - American Legion Post 593 in Converse, Texas from 6:30PM to 8PM
 - September 19, 2024 and November 21, 2024 being our silent auction/elections
- SENIOR LADIES COFFEE
 - For ladies who are 50+. Location will be announced via CHRNA E-News
 - August 15, 2024 October 17, 2024 December 19, 2024
- 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET SALE
 - The 3 Saturdays prior to the General Meeting at Upper Serene Ridge Entrance
 - August 31, 2024 September 7, 2024 September 14, 2024
- AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH
 - Registration due date is July 31, 2024 by 5pm
 - Contact a Board Member or Ambassador to enter; forms are available on the Crownwoodsubdivision.com website.