

RIO GRANDE BOULEVARD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting

10/15/2013

Los Griegos Center

Called to Order: 6:05 PM

Present: Jack Taylor, Susan Johnson, Patricia Stelzner, Doyle Kimbrough, Monica Gilboa, Jeff Newlander, Steve Ewing. Stephanie Ratcliffe, member, attended.

1. Treasurer's Report: Doyle submitted report. No activities. Susan complimented Doyle on his excellent reporting, and other concurred.
2. Review of Minutes from 9/9/2013: Minutes were unanimously accepted and adopted. The issue of neighborhood businesses advertisement on our website was discussed. All agreed that this issue is complex, and will be put aside for the time being. Doyle will take out the existing link to Mark Feldman's business.
3. Website: Doyle reported that he and Monica met as planned, and she started training as a web master, and that was going well. Several topics were discussed regarding the website:

-- Monica suggested that the channeling of e-mails from the website to the board would be now done by board members. Lucia, who has been doing this until now will continue to be a backup in case both Doyle and Monica are not available. Jack also suggested that they notify the board when both of them are not available. Monica agreed to be in charge of checking e-mails on a regular basis and distributing them for review and discussion to the board members. The person managing the e-mail will always send correspondence to the whole board for consideration before any response is generated, unless it contains a simple and straight forward question, such as the date of a meeting.

-- Website posting of significant and informative material relevant to the community was discussed, including creating a section on the website where such links could be posted. Doyle and Monica will work on that. In the meantime it was suggested that link to the website will be again included in all e-mailings to membership, as was done in the past, but not more recently.

-- Discussion regarding adding some form of members posting or discussion to the website. The members agreed that a good first step would be to invite Don Michaelis from Alvarado Garden Association to our board meeting to discuss his experience with managing such an interactive capacity for the website.

All agreed that this is a complicated issue and that there could be some problems associated with it. It would also require a dedicated person (such as Don) to manage this on a regular basis. Doyle will talk to Don and invite him to the meeting.

-- There was further discussion about the Rio Grande Corridor Plan, which Jeff suggested would be an important information to post on the website. We will ask Tom Menachutti (?sp.) and also Ike Benton to put it back. There was some further discussion about the Plan and politics around it in the Council. Doyle will talk to Tom.

4. Update on Albuquerque the Plan: Jeff attended one meeting and not much happened there. Susan said that they then cancelled the second meeting. There was no update on the City Council website. Susan suggested a discussion about the Bosque part of the Plan at the membership meeting, and moving toward Rio Grande Vision. She thought that the recent letter to the editor from the Sierra Club and the Aldo Leopold group was very reasonable, and should be linked on the website. She suggested inviting a spokesperson from these groups to the Fall Membership Meeting, which all agreed. She will contact them. Susan also discussed the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring System, which was initiated by the Bosque School (?) and UNM. It offers volunteer opportunities and Susan will contact the volunteer coordinator.
5. Fall Membership Meeting: we will not be able to hold the Meeting as planned on 11/19/2013 because the hall will be used as a voting site on that day's election. Board decided that December 3rd would be the best date for this, and this was confirmed by the Center's office. Jack suggested that we invite Isaac Benton as the newly-elected City Councilor for our district, and possibly John Kelly from the MRGCD. We will also present the website, as was discussed previously. Susan will invite the other speakers, as above. Decided not to invite other government officials or the police this time because of the full agenda to be discussed.
6. Update on North Valley Coalition: Jeff and Doyle are our representatives to the Coalition. They reported that the leadership of the Coalition is now in the process of recruiting members. Clarifying the issue of eligibility for membership in this organization will be part of the current efforts to re-activate the Coalition.
7. Response to allegations: the allegations against RGBNA made by Mr. Ginsberg were discussed. No action taken.
8. Archives: Monica wanted to know if the Association has any form of archives, where they are, etc. She also suggested that we establish a procedure regarding archiving Association documents. Doyle reported that Winnie has been keeping past documents in their house, and that there are about five boxes of it.

While these are not particularly well-organized it is possible to retrieve documents. We agreed that in general we should transition to electronic storing of this information. Mark Feldman put the minutes during his time on the board on CD's, which we have. We probably do not have to save things beyond seven years, although it would not be hard to do with the electronic formats. As a first step Monica will work on electronically archiving the minutes from the last seven years (thumb drive). She and Pat will start going through the old boxes and discarding old and irrelevant documents when they have time. We can eventually also scan paper documents from the past which are deemed worth keeping.

9. Communication with Neighboring Home Owners Associations and Neighborhood Associations: Jeff is the point person in this effort. Jack suggested that the first step should be to contact the homeowners associations within our territory. Jeff and Doyle will make a list.

10. Engaging non-board members in activities: Cynthia agreed to work on recruiting more neighbors like her, who are not board members, to help with different activities of the Association. This will be brought up at the membership meeting. If we get more people to be involved we can then have more committees to work on specific issues.

Next Board meeting on 11/19/2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.