

**Rio Grande Boulevard Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
July 9, 2013**

Present: Jack Taylor, Susan Johnson, Patricia Stelzner, Doyle Kimbrough, Monica Gilboa, Jeff Newlander, Steve Ewing. Guest: Lucia Deichmann

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by President Jack Taylor.

2. **Website.** There was a short history of the website to bring new Board members up to date. Lucia Deichmann was instrumental in taking the Association from the old website to the new. The site needed to be secure and Julie (?) of (?) was able to accomplish that end. The old site is archived on the new site, not yet by date but that can be done.

The annual bill for upkeep of the site is \$300.

Board members, once trained, are able to manage the site by themselves. Doyle, Susan and Lucia have received training.

Board Members are also able to use Twitter and Facebook.

Chimpmail can be used to send out e-mails to members.

There is a Google group for Board members to make online discussions more efficient, which could be extended to include the entire membership. One person needs to be in charge who will control the groups. A username and password are also needed for different jobs. At present Susan does copy, Doyle posts and Lucia handles Mail chimp.

The Board needs to figure out different policies and roles of members to make sure everyone is using the site in the same way. If we want to get more members educated on the website to take it further, we need to recruit folks; otherwise, the site will stay as it is. Jack feels we could be failing the membership by not being more active on the website.

Monica and Jeff are both interested in learning how to use the website and will meet with Doyle, Susan and Lucia. (The consultant does not train; members are expected to train themselves.)

Lucia will get the website manual to give to new people. The board thanked Lucia for all her help.

3. **Reaching out.** Jeff would like to reach out to home owner associations within the Association boundaries and inform them when a problem comes up. Susan mentioned the North Valley Coalition but that is not really a formal coalition of Associations and Jeff feels it would be useful to have more sharing of information etc with the homeowner associations as a good way to reach more people.

4. Treasurer's report. Bookworks turned in a check for \$45.36 from the fundraiser. Flying Star has not yet turned in its contribution.

The Association spent about \$1000 to get the website operational including \$400 in donations from Board members. Doyle had budgeted \$800 for the consultant but that was too much.

Concerning the reference to the Association as a "secret corporation" at the annual meeting, Doyle noted that the Association is listed as a small business on the Dun and Bradstreet Credibility Corporation list. Doyle would like to find out more about why we are so listed but Dun charges \$129 for the information. RGBNA is listed as a nonprofit corporation with the PRC but PRC has not updated the list of officers and directors. RGBNA is also listed as "not in good standing" although the Association filed a report in June 2012 and paid the fee. According to Jay Ginsburg there is supposedly a report which refers to RGBNA spending \$400,000 but again no information on where that fact comes from. It was suggested that Steve Ewing follow up with Jay. Doyle will do some more research.

5. Election of officers. Jack Taylor resigned and Jeff Newland agreed to serve as President. Susan Johnson will continue to serve as Vice-president but would like to give up her office when a replacement is found. Monica agreed to be Secretary and Doyle Treasurer. Patricia moved that the above slate of officers be elected, Doyle seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

6. Roundabout. While the roundabout started as a project of RGBNA, other neighborhood associations should have been included in discussions without leaving it up residents to find out about public forums on the topic. RGBNA should talk to other associations about the narrowing of Rio Grande before we start promoting this project, and continuing to promote the roundabout if that is feasible.

7. Agenda for next meeting.

- a. Reaching out to other associations
- b. Follow up with members who have not renewed membership
- c. establish a nominating committee, chaired by a board member.

Jack offered to chair the committee, Susan nominated Jack as Chair, Pat seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

8. Mayor's Meeting. The meeting to be held on Saturday July 13 will be attended by Jeff and Doyle from the Board.

9. Other business. Councillor Roxanne Meyers offered two banners to advertise neighborhood Night Out. These banners could be used again but the board decided not to take up her offer and Susan will respectfully decline.

The date of the next meeting is September 10, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Stelzner
Secretary