

Northern Hills Homeowners Association General Meeting
May 20, 2025, 6:30 PM, Northeast Senior Center

I. Welcome

President Mike Gallagher called the General Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. There was a total of fifty-three in attendance. Two homeowners paid their dues at the meeting. President Gallagher reviewed the meeting agenda to include presentations by Animal Care Services, SAFFE Officer Gregory Warrington, NHHA Scholarship presentations and District 10 Councilman Marc Whyte.

II. Presentations

A. Re-elected Councilman Marc Whyte expressed thanks for the support received during the election. The new City Council will be sworn in on June 18, 2025. Councilman Whyte addressed the implementation of the City's zero-based budget which will be in effect for the 2026 budget. The new budget is expected to cut the duplication of funds and waste that has plagued the City budget in the past. The Councilman updated in other areas as well; Bell Drive reconstruction is due for completion in July, Topperwein improvements, including additional lanes, are scheduled to start in 2026. A law was recently passed that will not allow vape shops to operate within one thousand feet of any school. (Unfortunately, the existing shop across from Madison High School has been 'grandfathered' in and will remain until such time as it is sold or closed). Councilman Whyte also spoke to the concerns regarding the new Spurs stadium and the effect it will have on citizen taxes. He indicated he has yet to see all the numbers on the project, but he expects the stadium will be self-funded, and citizen taxes will carry the expense for the infrastructure. The City Manager will be promoting this project until such time as it goes to the citizens for a vote in November 2025. Lastly, the Councilman intends to put his focus on the Northeast Corridor during his second term. Specifically, areas of Perrin Beitel where lighting and greenery are lacking, as well as

operating businesses. A reminder to vote in the Mayoral runoff on June 7th wrapped up his presentation.

B. Jan Hadley presented the 2025 Northern Hills Homeowners Association Scholarship recipients, with thanks given to Derek Thorington, Plant Manager of Capitol Aggregate (Zachary Corp.) who graciously donates to the scholarship fund annually. Noah Carrizales of MacArthur High School will be attending Concordia Saint Paul, and Madison Herrera of Madison High School will start her college career at Texas Lutheran University. Both received \$1000.00 toward their college education.

C. Jonathan Gary was introduced as the new Director of Animal Care Services in San Antonio. His extensive background in Oklahoma City has him well qualified to tackle the loose dog issues in San Antonio. His focus is to build a better relationship with the community in four basic areas: Field, Placement, Clinic, Support. The ACS has added twenty-two positions in the past two years in an effort to address the 94,000 calls received regarding animal concerns. The Field representatives are the first response to the community. Placement focuses on adoptions, rescue and fostering. Clinic addresses veterinary care. A new veterinary hospital is planned for 2027 where spay and neutering will be the focus. Support references the education, outreach and volunteer services provided by ACS. San Antonio dealt with 1500 more animals this year over last. The goal is to save 90% of all animals. At present, San Antonio is at 87%. Kennel expansion, and marketing to attract adoptions are both necessary. Mr. Gary praised the City Council and City leadership for their investment in the program and funding provided to ACS. Responsible pet ownership is the goal.

D. SAFFE Officer Gregory Warrington addressed the group with a presentation on safety. He indicated most crimes in our area are property crimes and crimes of opportunity. He suggested cameras, interacting with neighbors and delivery drivers to fend off porch pirates.

Smart doorbells and the use of Amazon lockers for large package delivery were also suggested. COP Director, Pam Hays, addressed an issue that has become prevalent all over the City. Mailbox theft is on the rise, particularly the cluster mailboxes in many communities like Northern Hills. Unfortunately, the break-ins often lead to repairs or replacement of said cluster mailbox. At present, USPS is pushing the expense of repair or replacement onto the Homeowners Association. A House Bill was presented in April to address this specific issue. It reads that any existing cluster mailbox that has been in place and serviced by USPS for 20 years or more should be the responsibility of USPS. This Bill is **HR 2825** before the 119th Congress and needs our support. Pam requested we call our local representative, Chip Roy, and urge him to pass this bill when presented. His local office number is 210-821-5024.

III. Announcements

- Mayoral runoff election – June 7, 2025
(Early voting: May 27-June 3, 2025)
- June 16, 2025, 6:30pm – Northeast Neighborhood Alliance –
Northeast Senior Center
- August 19, 2025, 6:30pm –NHHA General Meeting– Northeast
Senior Center

President Gallagher spoke to changing the name of the Northern Hills Homeowners Association to Northern Hills Neighborhood Association in an effort to be more inclusive of all residents, including renters. This would be an expensive change and will be discussed further at the next General Meeting. A vote of two thirds of those present at the meeting would be required to make this change. Door prizes were drawn.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.
Recording Secretary – Nancy Keating