



PSSNA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
PLACE: 19TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Minutes, January 14, 2012

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Officers present: DeWayne Lofton, Janet Patterson, Clifton Bailey

Moment of Silence

Reports of the Officers:

Secretary: Minutes were approved with suggested adjustment

Treasurer: Treasure report approved as written

Pecan Springs School Report: Janet reported that she and Clifton attended the CAC meeting on January 12th. The principal was ill so the Vice Principal gave the group an overview of the latest test scores for the third, fourth and fifth grades. Scores were much better than they were last year at this time. Pecan Springs also scored higher than the other five schools in our vertical area. Instead of the TASK test, the students will be taking a new test STAAR. The Rotary Club will be working with Pecan Springs until the end of the school year with a new program. This program focus on character traits such as respect, responsibility, tolerance, etc. They will hold a big assembly at the end of the school year providing the students who made strides in these character traits with awards. They asked that the school provide the backdrop for the award ceremony. Janet suggested that LBJ high school theater group provide the backdrop. Audrey Morgan, the Parent Support Specialist for Pecan Springs and LBJ High will talk with the theater director to see if they are willing to help with this project. The Enrichment Committee will meet on January 31st at 4:00 p.m. in the school's library to discuss future activities for the school and the end of the year field trip. Janet made another trip to Target to deliver a letter stating the needs of the school. She was able to speak with Laura of Human Resources to see what kind of assistance we might receive from Target. Janet was told that someone from the school would have to apply for a grant from the corporate office for large items because this store provides gift cards only. Janet should be contacted in a couple of weeks to be advised if the store will be able to help.

ANC Report: Clifton reported that no meeting was held in December but he was able to attend NE Austin Business and Community Alliance meeting. Clifton provided us a



copy of the letter this group sent to the Mayor, Council members, Mr. Ott Planning Commissioners and the Citizens Advisory Task Force members. The letter addressed issues and concerns that they feel will result in further compound existing inequities between east and west parts of Austin. A few of these issues were: Unequal economic resources and disproportionate projected increases in population; Decline of public schools and lack of coordination between the City of Austin and AISD; Loss of single family homes due to up zoning and emphasis on density; Lack of support for small and family-oriented businesses.

Sunshine Lady: No report - Ollie not able to make the meeting.

A representative from the Texas Gas Service was suppose to attend the meeting but could not make it. They will reschedule for a later time.

Update on convenience store on 51st Street. Owner of property withdrew his plans for the store when PSSNA presented the city council with a valid petition against the building of this store. The owners needed the support of at least six Council members to get approval. When it became obvious that the support was not there, they withdrew their proposal. We all know that the Dollar General Store is just about finished with the building of this store on the corner of 51st and Springdale.

We reviewed and approved the 2012 Annual Budget

General Discussions:

Our new web site is up and running. We will have our newsletter, minutes of meetings and other info of interest to our neighborhood on the site. We will continue to add items to the site. Please review and let DeWayne know what you think.

DeWayne received a letter from owner of some land in our area who would like to build a condo. He will attend our next monthly meeting. This action will require a zoning change. DeWayne thinks this will be something we can support.

Marie Dilworth stated she did not attend the Weed and Seed meeting but did get some info from an e-mail she received. She will follow up to see if we can be a part of this program. She will also see if we can get a member of this group to attend one of our meetings.

Marie Dilworth won the \$10.00 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.