



PSSNA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
September 2011
PLACE: 19TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Meeting called to order at 10:18 a.m.

Officers present: DeWayne Lofton, Janet Patterson, Clifton Bailey, Jackie Williams

Moment of Silence

Reports of the Officers:

Secretary: Minutes were approved as written

Treasurer: Treasure report approved as written

Pecan Springs School report:

Janet stated that the Campus Advisory Committee had its first meeting of the school year on Thursday. The meetings will take place every 2nd Thursday of the month at 4:30 in the school's library. The community is invited. A short meeting because the teachers were preparing for the back to school meeting with the parents. We did go over the rules and regulations of the CAC. PTA has a new president, vice president and secretary. This is a good start. Mrs. McKinney asked Janet to explain to the new people the purpose of the Campus Enrichment Committee. She also asked Janet to come to the teachers meeting on the 14th and explain to the teachers the purpose of the new committee.

The ANC report: Clifton introduced Sheryl Cheatham who is a member of the Winslow Park Neighborhood Assoc. and who also attends the ANC meetings. Sheryl stated, as Clifton often does, that this committee is really about the citizens of Austin and their concerns and she encouraged everyone to attend the meetings. Clifton passed around a document from the ANC entitled Understanding and Presenting to City Boards and Commissions. He also passed around the guidelines for public hearings and open meetings. This paper covered rules regarding the agenda items, speaking times, presentation tips, purpose, duties and the various committees. Very informative.

Sunshine Lady: Ollie was out of town so Marie Dilworth provided Ollie's report. Ollie sent five sympathy cards during the months of July and August. Ollie will host a Night Out on the 4th of October at her home. All are welcomed.

APD: Officer Tarver was not able to attend this meeting.



Presentation by Carl McClendon, the developer for proposed convenience store on 51st and Springdale.

Mr. McClendon brought with him the plans for the convenient store as well as pictures of similar stores. This store has plans for three fuel pumps which is a big concern for PSSNA. He said the plans are to maintain many of the trees and to widen the sidewalks on 51st. They will also add trees that are designed to provide shade for the pedestrian and screen the store. He is sure the store is planning on selling alcohol which is another concern for the group. PSSNA members asked many questions of Mr. McClendon that he was not able to answer. He said he will meet with the owner and get back with us. The main question we wanted answered is whether or not the owner would go ahead with the store without the gas pumps and sale of alcohol. We also would like to know if the owner is planning on leasing the other area of the property and if so, to whom? Mr. McClendon left the meeting after much back and forth discussion. We discussed the issue more and decided that this is not a project we could support.

We also discussed the Dollar General store scheduled to open on 51st and Springdale. DeWayne said their application has been denied again but again on a technicality. Although this may be a done deal, we will try to communicate to the city council how we feel about these kinds of businesses in our area. DeWayne will draft a letter to the owner of the property regarding our concerns and he will provide the owner with a list of businesses that we would like to see developed in our area.

We moved to the discussion of not having a BBQ this year. After much discussion, we decided to have a garage sale inviting members of PSSNA and the community to participate. We plan to also invite vendors to participate. We will ask the vendors to pay a little more than the members to have a table at the sale. We would sell tickets for chicken and/or brisket wraps. Marie is checking on the availability of the church for this activity.

General Business: We will have two night outs in our area. One at Ollie's home as stated above and one at the Browns home on Bundy Hill.

Thanks to Mary Hysaw and Dorothy Williams for remembering our box tops for education. They really make a difference.

DeWayne won the \$10.00 raffle. We wanted a "do over." Just kidding. The pulling of his name was all legal. Congratulations DeWayne. Now don't forget to pay yourself.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 a.m.
Next meeting October 8th