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**FACEBOOK LIVE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**2021 BOARD OFFICERS:**

Gwendolyn Bolden      President  
 Shawanda Fowler      Vice President  
 Monika Leandro      Secretary  
 Magdalena Thomas      Treasurer  
 Karen McConnell      Parliamentarian

**COMMITTEES:**

Molly Zebrowski, (1) Vacant      Budget/Audit Committee  
 Karen McConnell, (1) Vacant      Beautification Committee  
 (2) Vacant      Crime & Safety Committee  
 (2) Vacant      Junk/Brush Pickup Committee  
 Jason Clark, Shawanda Fowler      Social Media Committee

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. The General Meeting was held online via Facebook Live on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The Miller's Point Neighborhood Association General Meeting was called to order by President, Gwendolyn Bolden at 6:31 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL | ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A. Present at the meeting were Board Officers Gwendolyn Bolden, Shawanda Fowler, Magdalena Thomas, and Karen McConnell.

**III. BOARD REPORTS**

- A. **How To Navigate Website.** Gwendolyn screen shared how to navigate the Miller's Point Neighborhood Association website at <https://millerspointna.org>. First, to get signed onto Zoom, you go to the EVENT CALENDAR then scroll-down to the event. Because this event is happening today, it's going to be in Past Events. So, you click on Latest Past Events and scroll-down. You will find MPNA General Meeting via Zoom, and you will click on that and that will give you the link and log you in. To access the board agenda, you go to BOARD COMMUNICATIONS, click on General Meetings, then go to General Meeting Agendas then scroll-down to 2021 General Meeting Agendas and you will find the agenda for today which is the October 19<sup>th</sup>. When you click on that, our agenda is going to come up.
- B. **Summary of Neighborhood Environmental Services and Community Engagement with Bexar County.** An update on the Junk & Brush Pick Up in August. There is a plan we are working on to have another Brush & Junk Pick Up and when we get information about that we will send it out. We will also make sure that everyone gets notice, and we are going to talk to them about the days to find out if other days are available like Saturday and Sunday and how that is going to impact people that are working, etc. We had a very big turnout of people that were bringing a lot of items to the Junk & Brush pick up.
- C. **Annual Membership.** As a reminder, our annual membership dues are \$30 per household and as of October 18<sup>th</sup>, we have 43 paid members. Our goal for 2021 and 2022 is 350 members. You may visit the website as our President, Gwendolyn Bolden, has stated millerspointna.org to pay your fees at [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) or Cash app [cash.app/\\$millerspointna](https://cash.app/$millerspointna). Yes, if you pay now, the fees are for 2022. If you have not paid your dues and you want to pay them today or anytime soon, it will be for next year 2022.
- D. **October 2021 Financial (Expenses vs Income).** From January to October of 2021, we have the total expenses of \$2,505.35 and the net income of \$1,715.04. We have in red \$790.31. The details of the utility expenses from January to October 2021 for the streetlights \$2,172.19, annual website \$200, annual PO Box rental \$118, office supplies \$17.16, dividends until September \$1.27, and membership & donations \$1,713.87.
- E. **August 2021 Junk & Brush Summary.** We received \$1,264.00 between memberships and donations for Brush & Junk Pick Up event of August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a very good amount. There were many people that made donations. The total amount for the income was \$1,715.04. We need more donations and memberships because we are getting low to pay the streetlights.



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- F. **Junk & Brush Recognition.** We would like to thank Lisa and Joe for an outstanding job and everyone that volunteered for the Brush & Junk Pick Up. This was an outstanding year, and we couldn't have done without you guys. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We know it was hot out there. It's something that has been an opportunity for people to make donations and for members to join to see what we are doing and for us to have a short fall of \$ 790 this year is pretty high. If we don't have members joining or we do not get donations, we are not going to have lights in this community. That is the main thing we do is support keeping the lights which is a safety issue, crime deterrent, and keeps us all safe. It helps us to see at night and prevent accidents, but we must have the support of our community. So, if you haven't joined, please consider joining. It is only \$30 per household, and it is for a year. If there is anything that you would like for us to do or support or to promote social events. We are always open to do what we have done in the past plus more. We know we are in a pandemic, but we are still going to continue the association. We still have to have lights and we still want to check on our neighbors. We still want to have safety and prevent crime. So, we need the support of our neighbors. We are all here together as one community. It's a great neighborhood and it is a great place to live. So, we want to keep it that way and we believe that having the lights on, is one thing that is a tremendous help along with helping neighbors and looking out for each other. So, thanks to you all who have joined, thanks for the donations, and thanks to the volunteers for all your hard work; especially, putting this together Lisa and Joe. We appreciate it. So, thanks again.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Social Events Committee.** Basically, due to the pandemic, we only had the River City Produce, Co. We took a poll and there were interests but there was no way to coordinate with River City to get the days that we wanted them to have the produce and we did not have a committee member to support that activity. Which means, we need someone to volunteer to show up. We can get two or three people that are willing to come and be out there for a couple hours and everyone can pick up their produce. So, we are going to pause this until the Spring since the Wintertime is coming. So, when we get activities and support and people to contribute their time, then we can do this and start it back up in the Spring. So, if you are interested, please reach out to Gwendolyn, Shawanda, or anyone that is in the organization. We have an email address [millerspointna@gmail.com](mailto:millerspointna@gmail.com). If you and a friend or a couple of friends want to alternate a different month, we are open to whatever it takes to support this event.
- B. **Social Media Committee.** Events are posted via website [millerspointna.org](http://millerspointna.org), [Facebook](#), and [Nextdoor](#). You may send an email to [millerspointna@gmail.com](mailto:millerspointna@gmail.com) for any questions about an event. Lisa suggested to have a Neighborhood Farmers Market where we bake, make something, or bring something like craft to sell to help raise money for the lights. We can advertise and open this event to the community where people all over the area can come. Lisa and Shawanda suggested standing in the streets to help raise money for the streetlights.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Neighborhood T-Shirts.** If you want a t-shirt, please send us an email request. We are looking at prices. The previous vendor retired and so we are looking at getting a new vendor. If you know someone that has a business and makes t-shirts, please let us know. We have vendor that we are looking in to, but we are opening it up to our community and to our neighbors to have an opportunity. So, it will be great to have a unified look when we wear our t-shirts to the Bexar County and CONAN meetings or when we do our events. So that is pending a new vendor.
- B. **MPNA Neighborhood Brochures.** We moved the date from previous one to Tuesday, November 16, 2021, and we will be sending that out so look for that.



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**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **MPNA BOARD NOMINATIONS & BOARD ELECTIONS.** We normally have board elections every year; and so, at this time, we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to run for an office or want to nominate an officer. Volunteer, if you are interested in either being on a committee or want to nominate someone that wants to be the President, Vice President, or Treasurer. Everyone that's been on the committee or board has done an excellent job, but we want to share that work and give everyone a little opportunity to take a break. So, if you have an idea you want to do some service and you want to be on the board, please let us know. We are putting a poll up, so you can nominate people. You can nominate someone up until Monday, November 1st. The Board Election Day for voting is on Tues., November 2, 2021, and we will post the results. This is a great service opportunity for everyone.
- B. **REQUEST VOLUNTEERS.** We need people to help with the next Junk & Brush Pick Up. We had a lot of activities, a lot of talk on Facebook and there were a lot of things that people wanted and we were not able to do. Simply because this something that happened at the last moment and we had limited time to put things together and we did the best that we could with what we had. We need some new members to step up and support that. We have openings for the Crime & Safety Committee. We need Block Captains. If you are a Block Captain and you haven't been working, please call us. We have some opportunities for you to help us. We need people to call members and just remind them about the meetings. We actually posted a sign out today even though it is on Zoom just to kind of remind everybody because we know everyone is on a busy schedule. We need your help. So, if you're a member or you want to be a member or you just want to volunteer and you have an idea or something you do well and you want to help us out, please just let us know.
- C. **C.O.N.A.N. MEETING.** Lisa and Gwendolyn spoke to Commissioner Tommy Calvert at the C.O.N.A.N. Meeting to assist us with speaking to CPS on our behalf to have our lights added to our CPS bill. We would like our lights distributed evenly through the Miller's Point Subdivision. And adding 35¢ cents, is not much to ask for each owner or renters to pay for the lights every month. Gwendolyn stated Commissioner Calvert did say that we have to talk to CPS Energy, but he felt like it could be done. It's going to take some work and it's going to take some energy and effort, but Gwendolyn believes the more of us that are for this and that support this and go to the meetings when they are discussing it then there is a likely chance that we can get something done sooner than later. When we get the Commissioner's report meeting that is where we need to be, but we need to start with CPS Energy to see if they are in favor of this first. Lisa suggested to get enough people to go around and get a petition signed that shows them we have the support of our neighborhood. Whether they are renters or owners, the petition will show that we are serious about this and that we are willing to pay .35¢ cents once a month for the lights or pay \$3.00 for a year. If there's someone that wants to draft a petition and help Lisa with this, please let's get in here and let's do it because if you think it is dark here now, try no lights at all. Lisa will follow-up with Commissioner Calvert to provide us an update on what we need to do next.

**VII. COMMUNITY AWARENESS & ANNOUNCEMENT(S):**

- A. Bexar County Solid Waste Program (BCSWP) offers Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Services at a discounted rate of \$24. For hazardous waste disposal services, call (800) 449-7587 to schedule. For more information, visit website <https://www.bexar.org/3374/Solid-Waste>.

**VIII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.



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**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. With no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn Bolden moved meeting to adjournment at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Shawanda Fowler, Vice President  
Miller's Point Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_