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FACEBOOK LIVE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

2021 BOARD OFFICERS:

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

COMMITTEES:

Molly Zebrowski, Marsha Henderson Budget/Audit Committee
 Karen McConnell Beautification Committee
 Charmane Gilmore Crime & Safety Committee
 Joe Gest & Lisa Hunt Junk/Brush Pickup Committee
 Jason Clark, Kelley Gallant, Shawanda Social Media Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The General Meeting was held online via Facebook Live on Tuesday, July 20, 2021. The Miller's Point Neighborhood Association General Meeting was called to order by President, Gwendolyn Bolden at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL | ESTABLISH QUORUM

A. Present at the meeting were Board Officers Gwendolyn, Shawanda Fowler, Magdalena Thomas, and Monika Leandro. Also present was Committee Members Lisa Hunt of the Junk & Brush Pickup Committee and Shawanda of the Social Media Committee. MPNA acknowledged and recognized Interim Director Javier Flores of Bexar County Environmental Services Department as the guest speaker.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approved Minutes of General Meeting, Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

A motion was made by Sidney Smith to approve General Meeting, Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Magdalena Thomas seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

IV. BEXAR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES | INTERIM DIRECTOR GUEST SPEAKER

A. Guest speaker Interim Director Javier Flores presented a Code Enforcement report to the Miller's Point Neighborhood Association of the neighborhood visit back on June 10th with Commissioner, Tommy Calvert; Director of Community Engagement, Ramon Chapa, Jr. and Director of Environmental Service. Mr. Flores shared what his team done so far. They had 24 locations that they looked at and of the 24 locations; they had 9 to 10 of them that were issued a warning. His Environmental Officers were able to speak with them (somebody at the house) and the other ones were sent a noticed by their Code Compliance section. They have not gone out there again because they are now in middle of their new SOLID WASTE PROGRAM. Mr. Flores suggested that maybe, if someone has an opportunity to ride in the neighborhood and follow-up a little bit and the first chance they get; they will send some officers out there to go back and follow-up. Mr. Flores stated that most of the time, his officers usually call and say hey they've cleaned it up or they will let them know and they will clear it off the list. For the ones that was sent a notice, those are going to take a little bit more time because they have more time to clear up the violation. Now, there was some on the list that no violations were found, or they didn't find any violations at the time at those addresses, and he believes it may be 3 or 4 of them. Mr. Flores concluded his Code Enforcement report for Miller's Point, and there was one question.

Lisa had a question about the heavy equipment sitting out in event field and needing to be moved prior to our event. Mr. Flores stated he will contact Aaron tomorrow and kind of brief him on that. So that they can move the equipment back so that we can run the bulk & brush operation; that's sufficient. He stated the bins are going to be out there from Friday to Monday and they can just leave the equipment there but move it back. There were no further questions about the pickup.



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Gwendolyn expressed to Mr. Flores, we will get a group together and kind of do another tour of the neighborhood and let him know if there are any areas that we need to revisit or if there are any new things that have come up. We thanked all the community directors of Precinct 4 and expressed our appreciation of them going by and picking up sofas, chairs, and stuff at the elementary school. We have noticed within the neighborhood that a lot of things have been removed or cleaned up. Mr. Flores brought to our attention that it might have been the Environmental Officers that went out there and might of have had discussions with the residents and try to give them information as of what they can and can't do. That's great news! If we want to do another tour, we want to let them know. It's a possibility that if we call him ahead of time or send him an email. If he has an Environmental Officer available, he can send him out here to follow-up with us or somebody could ride with him, and we can say what about this and they can give us some direction. Mr. Flores stated to just be advised that this is the beginning of their SOLID WASTE PROGRAM that Commissioner Calvert has been working on. They've been working diligently all this year on. The SOLID WASTE PROGRAM pick-up starts August 2nd for them in the five (5) subdivisions, but they are going to be real busy in the Camelot area come July 29th. The city is going to be picking up their cans and the contractor who was awarded that contract in Camelot is Tiger Sanitations. So, they will be dropping off their cans and this is a great program. It's taking a lot of work. Gwendolyn mentioned that we are excited about it, and we look forward to being number six on that group or list.

Shawanda highlighted the SUBCHAPTER B. PUBLIC NUISANCE PROHIBITED of the Do's and Don't's that can be review through our website under About MPNA and Governing Documents. Mr. Flores stated they use a lot of these for when they write up citations and they can tell the residents that they are going to talk to, as per this HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, they can't have these things out there. For CODE COMPLIANCE sends the information to the resident, it's going to take a little while for it to get court system because they give the residents thirty-days, and they have a right to appeal it and go to court. So, there's a lot of things they have to do. But, when they have an officer available and he is able to go over there, then one on one they can talk to the residents and kind of inform them and give them an opportunity as they would in the thirty-days noticed. So, they try to work with the residents and tell them look we understand they may be having a tough time right now but kind of work on this and see if they can get it cleaned up. Sometimes, the residents clean up a portion and they stop. Then, we have to go back out there and knock and talk to them again then they are able to finish up the projects. They take a little time sometimes.

Sidney had a question in the chat and stated, we are concerned with Bexar County having \$25 Million dollars to give on museums and we want to know is there a way that the municipal services can honor the unincorporated urban neighborhoods to get quality-of-life services funded?

Gwendolyn stated she would have that question emailed that to him so we can give him some time to look at it and speak to that. Mr. Flores stated he was not sure but can take a look at it but he may not be the one to speak on behalf of the 25 Million. He understands they give a lot of the agencies, the city and a lot of the organizations. That may not be something he can address right away but he requested to send the information and he will take a look at it and if he has to forward it on, then he will. Shawanda confirmed with Lisa that C-6 Disposal will be contacting Lisa or Joe prior to event.

Lisa had a question regarding just in case, on the off chance that somebody is not out there. She doesn't expect that to happen but on the off chance when they put the dumpsters on either side, we want the



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opening of the dumpster facing the pavement/gravel. Because if it is the other way, it's impossible for people to pull their trucks up. Lisa had another question that she knows other people have used that school/field. Do you know of anybody that's going to be using it between now and the time we have ours or after that? Does anybody have it booked? Our particular area that you know of? Mr. Flores stated he will have an Environmental Officer out there early morning on Friday and the diagram will help them guide the trucks. Mr. Flores also added that the county or their department has not funded any other subdivisions. There will be no other subdivisions in our area at the time of the event. Our subdivision is the first subdivision this year to be funded. They haven't organized with any other subdivisions right now except for Miller's Point so that's a great thing for us. Mr. Flores asked about checking residents. We stated we will be checking the residents as they come in as much as we can. The Junk & Brush Committee has been doing a great job in keeping the traffic flowing. Mr. Flores ensured us that when C-6 Disposal come out, they will spread the bins out and make some room, 6 for bulk and 6 for brush. We emailed the 12 Bins Layout diagram to the Environmental Services. This event gives the residents an opportunity to participate and see that this organization is doing great things as part of the neighborhood association. Mr. Flores concluded; he will make sure he has some Environmental Officers out there to help us. At least to get organized for the dumpsters once there positioned and they will hang around for a little bit then he will send them on to do their daily work. We thanked Mr. Flores for taking time to visit with us today. We appreciate his help and support, and we will be in touch. Mr. Flores appreciates all of us as well. Their department also works off the residents in the county because if it was not for the residents, they wouldn't have an Environmental section. So, it's kind of great. We both need each other. That is what we are here for to serve the public. We reviewed with Mr. Flores of the bins arriving Friday morning and opening up on Saturday and Sunday and C-6 Disposal picking up the bins on Monday. Mr. Flores had one question about us watching the bins on Friday. Gwendolyn explained that we usually set up barricades so people can start on Friday. Joe and Lisa usually take care of that so we will be working to make sure that it is done. But, we have not had any problems at all with them delivering the bins on Friday and keeping people out of them. Lisa expressed, the neighborhood understands, and they are pretty informed and we've been doing this for a really long time. In summary, Gwen stated that we have everything we need and we will talk again before the date and we will send him an email of the layout and post exactly where we want the dumpsters. Lisa stated this is great and there were no further questions. We posted our email contact in the chat just in case if anyone has a question not today but between now and then. We concluded our bulk and brush operation with Mr. Flores.

V. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **Commissioner Calvert's Visit.** The update that Mr. Flores have given us from Commissioner Calvert's visit. We went through the neighborhood and assessed the different issues that have been reported. We talked about the Junk & Brush pick up and a number of items. All these issues have been addressed and we will post.
- B. **Annual Membership.** As a reminder, our annual membership dues are \$30 per household, and it cover period from January 1st – December 31st. As of July 19th, 2021, we have 28 paid members. Our 2021 membership goal is 350 members. If you need any assistance on where to make the payment, you can pay via [PayPal](#) or Cash app [cash.app/\\$millerspointna](https://cash.app/$millerspointna) that can be located through our website by clicking on Make A Payment at the top of the menu. You may also send a check to our mailing address and our Finance Officer Magdalena will pick it up. You can also find that address on the website as well.
- C. **2021 Financial Summary.** The expenses from January to July, just for the streetlights is \$1,525.21. We spent \$200 on the website and for post office box renewal is \$59.00. The total amount of these expenses from



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January to July is \$1,784.21 and the income is with the memberships and donations is \$340.16, plus .86¢ for the dividends. The total amount is \$341.02, and income is just \$341.02 and expenses is \$1,784.21. The total is in red -\$1,443.19. We spent more than we received. Magdalena provided a list of the members who paid their dues or donations.

Gwendolyn stated she was glad that we received this report to show that we are spending more money than we have coming in. That is one of the reasons why it's so important for membership because in order to keep the utility lights on and to keep them running, which is a safety issue, safety for the neighborhood for burglaries, our children walking around and people just feeling safe. We are spending almost \$1,600.00 just up from January to July just keeping the lights on. So, if we have basically \$1,500.00 at the end of this year, we will have a balance of \$0 dollars, our lights will be off. So, it is really important for people to join and to make donations. Gwendolyn expressed to the neighborhood if there is anything you want to see that we are not doing or that you think we could do or want to for our neighborhood, please let us know. It's really important, the membership is for every household.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Junk & Brush Committee** need all the volunteers to come out and help for the amount of time that we will be out there. The event will be posted on FB/Nextdoor and there will be a post for people to sign up to volunteer.
- B. **Social Events Committee** will do a poll tonight via FB to see who are still interested in the River City Produce.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. We are just revisiting the neighborhood t-shirts on the estimates so that if people want to wear a Miller's Point t-shirt. Jason Clark won the t-shirt design contest. So, we need to print up t-shirts and let people know that if they want to order one. It would be (estimated for at least 24 shirts) \$12.00 for small – XL and \$14.00 for 2XL/3L. So, if you would like a neighborhood t-shirt then just send an email to the Miller's Point Neighborhood Association's email millerspointna@gmail.com or Facebook.
- B. Next, we have the neighborhood association brochure which we will start sending them out once a year. Once updated, it will be scheduled to go out on Friday, July 23, 2021. We will get a draft of that so if anybody wants to see that just email Shawanda. All the committee members will get a chance to look at it and if you have any comments or you want something in there special, please let us know. We will get it in there.
- C. We need your help with the Crime & Safety Committee. We need someone over that committee. Also, we know we had some Block Captains in the past, but we are asking for the old Block Captains to step up and for new ones to step up and we need people to call members to just remind them about the meetings. Also to check on our members to make sure they are okay and our Seniors to see if they need anything. So, if you like to be a member caller, please email us and we will put you on that list.

VIII. COMMUNITY AWARENESS & ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

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

IX. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. With no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn moved meeting to adjournment at 7:24 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Approved: _____
Board Representative

Date: _____