



General Meeting w/ Gwen B.
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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

2022 BOARD OFFICERS:

Gwendolyn Bolden President
 Shawanda Fowler Vice President
 Vacant 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
 Elaine Miller Sign Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The General Meeting was held at Miller's Point Elementary School on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The Miller's Point Neighborhood Association General Meeting was called to order by President, Gwendolyn Bolden at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL | ESTABLISH QUORUM

A. Present at the meeting were Board Officers Gwendolyn Bolden, Shawanda Fowler, and Karen McConnell. Also present was Committee Member Jason Clark of the Social Media Committee.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approved Minutes of General Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

A motion was made by Jason Clark to approve General Meeting, Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **Add To Your Calendar.** Gwendolyn outlined the next meetings: August 23rd and Oct. 18th and shared how to navigate the website millerspointna.org to access the minutes and agendas under Board Communications. Elaine Miller asked about the regularity of the meetings. Gwendolyn explained the meetings are held quarterly and based on the needs of the association business during COVID. Gwendolyn brought the "MPNA General Meetings" back to in-person to increase participation instead of using Zoom Communications.
- B. **Annual Membership.** Shawanda presented our annual membership dues of \$30 per household and as of May 23rd, we have 14 paid members. Online payments for membership dues and donations can be made through our website via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) or Cash app [cash.app/\\$millerspointna](https://cash.app/$millerspointna) using your smartphone or tablet. Payments via check or money order can be mailed to MPNA, P.O. Box 2412, Universal City, Texas 78148. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Miller's Point Neighborhood Association or MPNA.
- C. **April 2022 – May 2022 Financial Summary.** On behalf of Magdalena, Shawanda presented the balance of April 18th, 2022, was \$1,911.28. From April 19th through April 30th, we received \$330.00 from membership dues and donations. As of April 30th, our current balance was \$2,241.28. There were \$0.00 in expenses. We need more members and donations to keep the streetlights on.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Junk & Brush Committee.** Shawanda reported she is in communication with Mr. Flores from Environmental Services to have them provide another Junk & Brush pick-up in August like 2021. Shawanda is waiting for a response from Mr. Flores to find out if there are funds available this year. Elaine Miller will take the lead and contact Commissioner Calvert and provide us with an update. Gwendolyn emphasized that the "Junk & Brush Pick-Up" event brings in a very large amount of revenue for our MPNA Membership Drive.



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- B. **Social Events Committee.** Gwendolyn highlighted we need volunteers to head up the River City Produce, Co. She thanked Shawanda and Jason for organizing this event for us in the past. To volunteer, please visit millerspointna.org/volunteer/.
- C. **Social Media Committee.** Events are posted via website millerspointna.org, [Facebook](#), and [Nextdoor](#). Please send an email to millerspointna@gmail.com and we will add your email to our group list.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Neighborhood T-Shirts Fundraisers.** The neighborhood t-shirts are going to be for all sizes \$20.00 per t-shirt and the funds raised will go toward the cost of the utilities.
- B. **Request For Volunteers.** Gwendolyn made a plea for volunteers: Secretary, Audit & Budget, Beautification, Junk & Brush Pick-Up, Crime & Safety, Block Captains, Sign, and Social Media committees. You can volunteer online at millerspointna.org/volunteer.
 - 1. Louis articulated he saw what happened last year when it was a mix up with the garbage pickup and he saw all the people of this neighborhood lighting up Nextdoor complaining, but none of those people were down here in the meetings trying to pay dues or volunteer. Louis recommended not paying the utility bill. Let the lights go out for a couple of months. You're going to see people complaining, "How come my lights are off...? Where were you for the last few years coming to these meetings? Everyone wants something for FREE but they don't want to volunteer. Turn the lights off. We shouldn't be using our dues. Our dues here should be used to pay for other things in this association." It was mentioned that there are approximately 21% renters and 79% homeowners. Louis shared if people don't want to get involved, he doesn't want his dues going to pay for stuff for people that don't get involved. It's the same thing with volunteers for the junk pick-up. You should post something on Nextdoor.
 - 2. Gwendolyn voiced her thoughts that she would not like to see the lights turned off because of safety and with all the things we are paying, we should be able to get lights for our community and not only just for the existing lights but new lights. To get the county to pay for lights, we have to get Commissioner Calvert's support. Bexar County can find money for lights as they find money to buy all these other items. Bexar County can buy some lights and they can put SOLAR lights in and that was a discussion we had with Commissioner Calvert, and we asked can we get SOLAR lights? Gwendolyn asked the CPS representative whom she met with, and the CPS representative said the free SOLAR lights program are for residential customers and she asked can you find out if MPNA can get SOLAR lights. Gwendolyn pointed out, how does getting SOLAR lights impact our bill? Gwendolyn stated we are still investigating it and if there is anyone else that would like to help research that or find anything about it to let her know.
- C. **MPNA Brochures.** Shawanda stated we can announce the t-shirt fundraising in the brochure to bring participation and awareness.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Precinct 4.** Gwendolyn is in communications with Chief of Staff, Amy Putney from the Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert's office to find an alternate solution for the streetlights and CPS Energy is still looking at how they can support utilities and the installations of SOLAR lights.



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- B. **CPS Energy.** Gwendolyn communicated with a representative from CPS Energy at the event and she conducted research on what happened, and she advised MPNA to look into some nonprofit organizations like SAGE and San Antonio Area Foundation for further assistance with funding. It was also identified that due to a CPS billing error, we will not be responsible for the backpay for the 10 years that the City of Converse was paying for the MPNA streetlights. Gwendolyn shared with us that there was someone, a county politician running for office that said CPS should be providing us more services than what we are getting. Gwendolyn addressed she will be investigating that; we need some type of contribution from CPS. We are not getting benefits right now and we are all paying CPS Energy. Elaine Miller asked what is the cost of the lights for this neighborhood? Gwendolyn explained the streetlights average between \$225 to \$250 a month. Louis and Shawanda highlighted we have 13 streetlights.
- C. **MPNA Fundraising Drive.** We need to select the best day to schedule this event and we need volunteers to sign-up for one or two hours.
- D. **Front Signage For Miller's Point Subdivision.** Elaine Miller suggested we post for volunteers to help build and create a new front entrance sign. Gwendolyn communicated we had members from the last meeting who shared interest to support this project. Gwendolyn requested a volunteer for a Sign Committee. Elaine Miller has volunteered for the Sign Committee, and she will provide the variations on costs, materials, and sizes.
- E. **Beautification and Community Involvement.** Gwendolyn asked how do we get people involved? Gwendolyn encourages everyone in the community to submit any ideas on events for community involvement. Louis highlighted our neighbor Patrick for his leadership in volunteering and cutting the grass for years at the front entrance around the island without anyone asking. That's what we need people like him. People who do stuff without even asking them. Louis highlighted he walks through the neighborhood every day practically. He's always picking up trash and he sees other people do that to and he walks with some people. Louis suggested you meet your neighbors. He has met so many people that he has talked to, he helps them, and they help him. Louis encourages people to walk the neighborhood and meet their neighbors and pick up trash.

VIII. APPROVAL OF POSTING ON FACBOOK & NEXTDOOR:

- A. Post on FB and Nextdoor, pertaining to streetlights and Junk & Brush Pick-up. The association is doing its best; however, due to limited funds we may have to turn the streetlights off in three months and due to lack of volunteers and help, we may not have Junk & Brush Pick-up in the future.

A motion was made by Louis Moncelsi to approve posting on FB and Nextdoor pertaining to streetlights and Junk & Brush Pick-up. Beverly Comstock seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

An email will be sent to all participants present at this meeting to include Bev, Louis, Lee, Elaine for further feedback before posting.

IX. COMMUNITY AWARENESS & ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

- A. If you need help with your past due mortgage loan, property tax, property insurance, or HOA/condo association payments, please visit texashomeownerassistance.com for more information and eligibility. Gwendolyn emphasized on the criteria which includes your utility bill and an ID, proof that you are living in the house. Your address and driver's license must match.
- B. If you would like to join BCSO (Bexar County Sheriff's Office), TEXT "DEPUTY" to (210) 934-7028.



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- C. There will be a BCSO Parental Benefits Seminar, on Thurs. May 26th, 2022, seminar begins at 6:30PM. Topics: Salary, 2 for 1 Retirement, Medical, Tuition Reimbursement, Shift Differential, and so much more to share. You can call (210) 335-5627 or visit BCSOCAREERS.COM.
- D. Also, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office has a BCSO Summer Camp (age 14-20), starting June 8, 2022, every Wednesday from 8:00AM – 12:00PM. If you are interested, apply via email at SCORE@bexar.org. What you will learn: Crime Scene, S.E.R.T. Jail Response Fire Drill, BCSO SWAT, Negotiate a Hostage Situation, Officer Down Rescue, Jail Tour, K9 Tracking & team building, and more.

X. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. With no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn Bolden moved meeting to adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Approved: _____
 Board Representative

Date: _____