



General Meeting w/ Gwen B.
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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 23, 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 (cafeteria) on Tuesday, August 23, 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 Magdalena Thomas. Also present was Committee Member Jason Clark of the Social Media Committee.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approved Minutes of General Meeting, Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

A motion was made by Lisa Hunt to approve General Meeting, Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Beverly Comstock seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

IV. THE VISITING ANGELS OF NE SA GUEST SPEAKER

A. The President of MPNA, Gwendolyn Bolden acknowledged and introduced today's guest speaker Norma "Letty" Inabinet, Director at Visiting Angels of Northeast San Antonio. Letty Inabinet opened the floor to ask and acknowledge how many were veterans, spouse of a veteran, or have family members who are veterans; and the majority in attendance were all veterans. Letty presented her mission to the Miller's Point Neighborhood Association to spread the word not only on the services Visiting Angels provide but to give us information on some VA programs that you as a veteran are eligible for, may be eligible for, or the spouse of a veteran. Letty articulated how important this is because after talking to potential clients, and what Visiting Angels were realizing is due to income limitations, potential clients could not get Visiting Angels's services and quickly learned the potential clients were veterans. Letty introduced to the potential clients to tap into these amazing VA programs that could literally pay for in-home senior care, and that is what Visiting Angels do. Lee Z. Inabinet started the business a couple years ago and Letty later joined the business. They are both veterans. Letty served 37 years and Lee served 38 years both working in the Department of the Air Force. Letty has a great team and has four members on her team. Ms. Valerie Mulhern is the Operations Manager, and she has a lot of experience with in-home senior care and worked for another Visiting Angels. Ms. Sherri Jones, Client Care Coordinator; Ms. Audrey Stine, Chief Financial Officer Marketing Specialist; and Mrs. Patricia "Patty" Moore, Physician Assistant (PA). The caregivers are on the team, and these are the Angels that are screened for criminal background up to 7 years and drug testing. The caregivers will come into your home if you invite them into your home to take care of you. You may have a neighbor in their 80's or has an injury that needs support with their daily living activities, or you may know someone who needs assistance. The Visiting Angels services are focused on quality versus quantity. There are Visiting Angels throughout the city of San Antonio. Some of the services that Visiting Angels provide are



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Incontinence Care (changing diapers), Bathing Assistance, Dressing Assistance, Light Housekeeping, Transportation, Meal Preparation, Medication Reminders, Alzheimer's and Dementia Support, Performing Errands and Shopping, and Palliative care services: Consists of fulfilling physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs to help clients feel comfortable and less isolated. These services range from Incontinence Care all the way to support of Companionship. Sometimes, family members are not close by and live in another state, or your spouse passed away, so you live alone. Their caregivers provide companionship and will allow you to remain in the home a lot longer versus going into a facility or a nursing home. The huge difference that Letty pointed out if you or a family member transition into a nursing home. You will probably have one individual taking care of 20 patients and you will not get the one to one and the price is usually higher when you go to private care to a nursing home. When you hire an agency like Visiting Angels, you get a caregiver that only focuses on you and eventually you can develop a personal relation. So ultimately, the services that Visiting Angels provide allows you or a loved one to stay in your home longer. So, speaking on the Veteran Administration (VA) Programs. There is a lot of information, and we will give you the PowerPoint slides to take home. Letty highlighted to review the Extended Care Programs for Veteran seniors and in particular look at some of the websites that are directly from the VA website. Most Veterans and their families do not realize that the VA, if you are eligible, could potentially pay almost the entire cost of your senior in-home care. Most Veterans think they are not eligible because they already get a pension, or the VA gives them disability. That has nothing to do with these programs. You might get 70% or 100% percent disability or because you retired from the military. The military gives you a pension and the VA gives you compensation percentage toward your disability that is service-connected. That is a different pension and it has nothing to do with these eligible programs or the survivor benefit plan that the military wives may receive. This is an additional pension that is geared for long-term care. If you are eligible for this, you could essentially get our services and Visiting Angels will work directly with the VA and you will not need to get involved with the administration of these programs. The VA pays Visiting Angels and so it is important that the people in our community understand this because again it breaks their heart when they go into the home and they tell the potential client that it will be \$30.00 an hour and they can't afford it.

V. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **Add To Your Calendar.** Gwendolyn highlighted the next meetings: Sept. 28th and Oct. 18th. Gwendolyn stated we are providing the facility for the Bexar County Candidate Forum on September 28th and the facilitator is Lisa Pfeiffer with C.O.N.A.N. This is a great opportunity to address our questions or concerns about the Junk and Brush pick up, upkeep of the property, who's responsible for what, who pays for what, if there is funding, or why they can't pay for things. So, we can ask the people that are signing the checks or funding the event. The National Night Out will be on in October and we need people to volunteer to help us this year. Magdalena and Allan Thomas have volunteered to chair the NNO event. We need to invite the Converse Fire Department and setup some children and adult activities: bouncing castle, face painting, prizes, and GAME2U. This event will support us bringing our neighborhood together. The Miller's Point Neighborhood Association, Inc. has their board election every year in October. This is a great opportunity for you to run for an office or nominate your neighbor to become an officer as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Parliamentarian.
- B. **Annual Membership.** Shawanda presented our annual membership dues of \$30 per household and as of August 22, 2022, we have 21 paid members. Online payments for membership dues and donations can be made through our website via [PayPal](#) 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.



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- C. **January 2022 – August 2022 Financial Summary.** Magdalena presented the balance for August is \$1,388.69. Allan Thomas donated \$45.00 toward the entrance sign. Robin Newton paid \$30.00 and Gwendolyn Bolden paid \$30.00 for next year 2023. From January through August of 2022, we have paid the utility: streetlights \$1,814.11, website \$200.00, PO BOX rental \$78.00 (for 6 mo.), 3-yard signs (for office supplies) \$93.39, and .061 cents for the dividends. For the membership and donations, we collected \$6 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.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Junk & Brush Committee.** Shawanda reported she has done another follow up and is waiting for a response from Mr. Flores to find out if there are funds available this year.
- B. **Sign Committee.** Gwendolyn stated Elaine Miller is revisiting the Miller's Point entrance sign project and will provide us an update at the next meeting on Commission Calvert.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Neighborhood T-Shirts Fundraisers.** The neighborhood t-shirts are going cost \$20.00 per t-shirt for all sizes and the funds raised will not go toward the utilities. It will go toward the cost of the Miller's Point entrance sign.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Marquee for Committee Volunteers, CPS – Streetlights, Junk & Brush, MP Entrance Signage. 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.

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.

- X. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Tuesday, October 18th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. With no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn Bolden moved meeting to adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Approved: _____
Board Representative

Date: _____