

BCNA GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:45 p.m.

Officers In attendance: Sara Clark, Mateo Scoggins, Matt Coldwell, Jim Middleton, Jody Zemel, Ronnie Dittmar, Stuart Hampton, Gavin Wilson, Cynthia Scheibel, and Gary Hyatt.

I. Recent Break-Ins in the Neighborhood. One neighbor suggests that neighbors need to be vigilant in an effort to help the police catch the culprits responsible for the recent break-ins in the neighborhood. He believes that a white van with an "R&M Recycling and Salvage" sign on it may be connected to some of the recent break-ins. There was a discussion of various possible "neighborhood watch"-type strategies, plans for a neighborhood night out, and improving communication with and the presence of law enforcement on our streets.

II. Green Classroom Presentation (Sal Salinas). There will be an open house for folks to learn about the green classroom on Friday May 9. Volunteers are always needed for garden workdays and to serve as green garden classroom teachers. Sal's number for further information is 619-6696. Kelly Haragan's contact information is 441-7721 and k.haragan@yahoo.com.

III. Mary Street Bike Lanes Proposal (Mateo Scoggins). Mateo presented the City's proposal for new bike lanes through the neighborhood on Mary Street. (See April 7 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes for further description of the proposal.) We discussed the proposal. We also discussed the need to educate motorists and bicyclists regarding safety issues.

IV. May is Bike Month (Alvaro Bastidas). The **Be Kind to Cyclists** group is encouraging everyone to ride their bikes during the month of May. We further debated the need to educate motorists and bicyclists regarding safety issues.

V. Treasurer's Report (Gavin Wilson). We have approximately \$19,000. \$10,000 of these funds is earmarked for parks.

VI. Parks Report (Jody Zemel and Matt Coldwell).

Meet the ACWP Contractor Meeting regarding the boring along South 2nd Street is April 10 at 6 p.m. here at Becker Elementary. Neighbors are encouraged to attend, even if you do not live along the route, especially since they are planning to bore through Nicholas Dawson Park.

Meeting at Ingrid's this Wednesday with representatives of other south-of-the-river NAs regarding long-term parks planning/desires. We discussed various ideas for parks-related improvements that might be considered. On April 14th at 6 p.m. there will be a City-wide (PARD) meeting on the same topic at O'Henry Middle School.

Assessment for West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt improvements has hit a funding-related snag. The folks from the city and LBJWS are attempting to resolve the issue.

VII. Zoning Discussion. There were no significant zoning issues discussed.

VIII. Event Coordinator Needed. The NA is looking for an event coordinator to interact with the various event sponsors who put on events that affect our neighborhood (sufficiently in advance to identify and address issues that might detrimentally affect the peace in the 'hood). Alvaro Bastidas volunteered to assist with this effort.

IX. Website Help Needed. The NA is also looking for a volunteer to help with the NA website and new Wiki capabilities.

X. Bouldin NA Mascot Discussion and Fun/Fundraiser Discussion. The NA is also seeking volunteers to help coordinate a fun fundraiser. If you are interested in helping or have ideas for a fun event, post your interest on the one-list, then form a subcommittee and report back to the group with needs for additional volunteers, etc.