

Minutes for SLNA general meeting—June 18, 2009

7:06 Nancy Maclaine, President, calls meeting to order.

7:07 Ofc. Robert Barboza of APD speaks. There has been a large increase in burgled vehicles and homes in our neighborhood. It is very important that neighbors call ALL events in. Ofc. Barboza recommends that neighbors document all their goods with either photographs or by writing make, model, and serial number. If taking photos, be sure to take photo of make, model, serial number. Call in ALL suspicious vehicles and report make, model, and direction of travel. Do not leave any valuables in plain view in your vehicle, even if parked in your driveway. Use the neighborhood email list to report suspicious persons/vehicles, but always be sure to call it in first (911). The main pattern is that homes are hit during the day, cars at night.

7:33 Parks and Rec visited us to discuss the new temporarily named "Del Curto Park". Ricardo Soliz 974-9452 and Marty Stump, the Park Development Coordinator led the discussion. They have nearly completed a temporary trail in the park to allow neighbors to begin to explore the site. They want a Park Design Committee from the NA to begin work/coordination in August. Discussed options for abandoned church, Bryan King suggested a creative arrangement that there be public funding for the demolition, but that the builder would have to pay it back before getting its CO. Parks discussed basic plans for the layout: existing main parking lot would be the parking lot for the park. Discussion of a basketball half court, but there are setback reqs for active sport surfaces. Austin Parks Foundation grant application deadline in August/September. Need a grantwriting volunteer for accessibility/safety features.

8:19 Thomas Bleich, our new ANC representative, gave his report of recent ANC meeting. Included discussion of Neighborhood Habitat Challenge, details at keepaustinwild.com; zero waste goals and composting education; two resolutions... Resolution 1 regarded providing longer notice to NAs for utility upgrades -- this was already voted on by the ANC; Resolution 2 was for single member district definition task force. SLNA voted to support ANC position at the next meeting's vote.

8:34 Treasurer Report: \$139 checking, \$1005 savings, \$2900 CD balances.

8:51 Discussion of Park Committee, Ariel Bleich volunteered, yes she did, to lead said committee.