

## SAN MARCOS ASSOCIATION

May 17 2012 Board Meeting Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM at Helen Boyce's House.

Helen, Alexis, Gail, Nai, Van, Isolde, and walter were present.

Minutes were Not read as all had read them on the Internet.

Treasurer's Report reported a balance of \$488.68.

There was no "report from the Web Master" as Les was unable to attend due to illness. Les provided an E-Mail report to the board and this was discussed.

Les had suggested a change in Web host which would save us the annual fee. The change was unanimously approved. Les also presnted several arguments for the San Marcos Association to host advertisements on Google, Facebook and on our Web Page. Without Les's guidance, this subject was left to the June Meeting.

Alexis stated that she had checked with Rep. Brian Egolf and that he stated that it would be fine to post his business card on our web site.

Nei stated that she had several business cards for Les to post.

Business cards were briefly discussed. Walt showed a box of "printable cards".

Hopefully we will be able to procede with Bioard member cards in the near future.

The Board briefly discussed the concept of inserting Googler Map places of interest based on Highway 14 mile markers. It appears that this is "do-able".

The board took up the Free membership flyers and Web site application. All that is necessary now is to produce the flyers and get on with it.

Rural Conservation Alliance plans to protest the the request for a transfer of water rights to support La Bajada mining. Since we are members of the RCA, the Board did not want to support an individual SMA protest to the State Engineer's office. SMA simply cannot afford to be independently represented. The Board does, however, support RCA's position. Helen suggested that donations be made to RCA.

Walter stated that May 18th was the last day of public testimony on Changes to the "Pit rule". It is San Marcos Board's oppinion that the Pit Rule should not be altered or over-turned.

Walter stated that County Resolution 2012-61 passed the County Commission and that He had represented SMA at the hearing. This resolution, while "toothless", advocates several projects like bus routes down highway 14 and senior centers in our area. These projects are linked to Capital Outlay Funds and will be ranked along with others for County funds. Discussion centered on if other sources of funding could be found, specifically through State Bonds approved by the Styate Finance Committee. Walt

stated that he would revive the Highway 14 Bus route report, done several years ago by SMA, and resubmit it.

The Board resolved to post the Sierra Club Endorsements to the SMA Web Page.

The Board Discussed the Proposed County Code Review process. Walt had attended a meeting with County representatives on the 17th. Essentially, the public will have 12 weeks to comment on the proposed Code. SMA argued that there needed to be a place in the process for review of any changes that County Staff would make - prior to a final draft being presented to the BCC. The board discussed the implications of the code approval process being extended into the period after new BCC members take office.

Helen brought up the need to establish a date for the SMA car-port sale. Saturday July 28 and Sunday July 29th were decided upon. Nei's generous donation of a lovely silver necklace will require a raffle. It was thought that 200 tickets at \$5.00 each was a reasonable goal. Both the raffle and the sale will be further discussed at the June meeting.

The meeting was ended at 8:10 PM.

Thanks Helen, for another wonderful bowl of soup!