

# Great Northwest Community Improvement Association

Executive Board of Directors' Business Meeting | 6:30 p.m., April 4, 2024

Callanen Hall, 8809 Timberwilde Dr., San Antonio, TX 78250

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## 1. Welcome

Member Voice- Resident Steven Dimas spoke on topic 5A regarding the removal of the basketball hoops at the Emerald Valley court. He expressed his frustration with the lack of community notice prior to their removal. Mr. Dimas understood the reasoning behind the action was due to vandalism, but suggested that SRT check for member IDs, instead of locking out residents and/or their children. He also noted that the removal of the hoops made the area look "rundown". Mr. Dimas said that community events should be closed off to the public.

Resident Jesse Carranza stated that Mr. Dimas conveyed Mr. Carranza's sentiments regarding the Emerald Valley courts and questioned if the annual car show would be closed to the public going forward, as he would prefer for events to be GNW members only. This was later addressed in the New Business discussion.

Resident Chris Prado spoke on the removal of the basketball hoops as well and his displeasure with the lack of notice given to the membership and suggested that the courts be locked until SRT could gain a handle of non-resident use. He was also in agreement with GNW events being closed off to the public. Mr. Prado requested information regarding the possible installation of flashing red stop signs or speedbumps off Cliffbrier and Timber Path, as well as Cliffbrier and Valley Ridge. Admin Lopez stated that she would follow up with Mr. Prado regarding the latter.

Resident and longtime volunteer Connie Chavez, joined by Melissa Gutierrez via telephone, spoke to the March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter egg hunt and their displeasure with the growth in attendance by non-residents at community events. This caused Mrs. Chavez to feel that she no longer wanted to continue volunteering after 20+ years of service. She noted that more adult volunteers were needed, and that the community's Valentine's dance should be parent and child only.

Resident Mark Solis also shared the same opinion, as Mr. Dimas, Carranza, and Prado, in reference to Emerald Valley basketball court and member only events. He mentioned that the removal of the rims made the area, in his opinion, "look like an eyesore" that could potentially drive away would-be buyers and cause property values to drop if continued.

Resident Jesse Lopez spoke on his displeasure of the basketball hoop removal at Emerald Valley, SRT not checking for membership IDs, as well as what he thought was an unorganized Easter egg hunt. He agreed that more adults should volunteer for events and that they should be closed off to the public.

## 2. Establish Quorum

Quorum was established with the following Directors present: Chairman Brian Stives, Directors Essy Lechon, Efrain Sosa, and Elias Ackerman.

Staff Present: Admin Manager- Eva Lopez, Rec Manager- Jake Pena, and Maintenance Manager- Mark McLean

## 3. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairman Stives.

## 4. Approval of Minutes from past meeting- Regular Business Meeting March 21, 2024

MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024, Regular Business meeting as submitted.

MADE BY: Director Lechon

SECONDED BY: Director Sosa

OUTCOME: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5. New Business

### A. GNW Amenities

*Maintenance Manager Mark McLean was on hand to discuss the condition of the Emerald Valley basketball courts and to address the concerns about the removal of basketball hoops. He also addressed vandalism of the courts, damage to the court surface, and his proposal for the demolition and replacement of the most dilapidated court. After extensive discussion, it was decided that Mr. McLean and his department would replace the hoops on the playable courts, and SRT guards will*

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*be more diligent in checking for current GNW membership IDs, with the aim of limiting amenity use by non-members. Following an influx of non-residents at the March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter egg hunt, a review of the GNW community events calendar was conducted, with focus on events open to the public. Going forward, events generating revenue will be open to the public, while GNW events will require residents to present current membership IDs. The Board reminded those in attendance to update their membership cards, if they hadn't already done so, and to ensure that their children, 12 and up, have updated cards too.*

## B. Board Retreat Discussion

*A brief discussion was had regarding Director availability for the month of June and the possible inclusion of a guest speaker. Chairman Stives asked that the availability of the speaker be confirmed, in hopes of coinciding with that of the Directors.*

## 6. Old Business

### A. 2024 Annual Meeting

*An updated count of ballots, online (47), in person (110), and mail-in (12) was provided by Admin Lopez, with the mention of 4 scholarship applications and 5 Neighbor nominations received to date.*

## 7. Closed Executive Session to Review: DRVs and Personnel

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Submitted by:



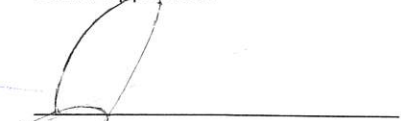
Eva Lopez  
Admin Manager

Board Approved:



Brian A. Stives  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Board Approved:



Jose Morlett  
Community Manager, Secretary, Treasurer

Jacob Peña  
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