

**Tano Road Association Annual Meeting
December 5, 2021
Via Zoom**

Attendance:

Board of Directors: Steve Barthelme, Warren Berg, CB Bowlds, Ellen Collins, Karen Freeman, Howard Gershon, Doris Longhurst, Lorrey Muellenberg, Helen Swinson and Peggy Samaha, 2022 Board member.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Freeman at 2:00 pm. There were 36 attendees and Ellen Collins, Secretary, reported that there was a quorum.

President's Review

Although the pandemic lingered through 2021, the TRA has made every effort to be constructive and keep in touch with the neighbors. We stepped up communication by sending out relevant eblasts and also held three informative and enjoyable Zoom events. We hosted a naturalist program in February, a presentation by the County Fire Marshal's office in May, and a gourmet tamale-making class in July.

The Board voted to give new Tano Road residents who join the TRA a free one-year membership in the all-volunteer neighborhood association.

Membership Report -- Helen Swinson and Peggy Samaha

There are a total of 438 households in the neighborhood with 250 active household members. A new member party was held in the summer and was attended by 35 new people plus most Board members. The Fall Nosh was cancelled due to the pandemic, but we are looking forward to more in-person gatherings in 2022. Plans are in the works for a Spring or Fall Nosh, a bird walk led by Warren Berg. and perhaps a post-annual meeting party in December, 2022. There is a new hiking club underway, plans to re-start the cooking club with a tamale-making event and also to start a second book club.

To join the Membership Committee and help out with events, please contact Helen Swinson at membership@tanoroad.org.

Trails Report -- Lorrey Muellenberg

Lorrey reported that creating walking paths along Tano Road going west would be a challenge since most of the property along both sides of the road in that area is privately owned with no County easements. There is a County Statute 17-4-7 that generally provides liability relief for trails or paths on private property, but this possibility may not be an incentive for neighbors to permit a walking path on their property.

Trash Bash Report -- Steve Barthelme

There was a Fall trash bash in September and we are planning Spring and Fall trash pick ups in 2022. We hope to revive the breakfast burrito tradition!

Security Patrol Report -- Warren Berg

It was a generally good year in 2021 with few safety issues. There is a loyal group of about 20 volunteers who patrol the neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report -- Doris Longhurst

The Treasurer's report for 2021 was presented. The budget for 2022 was voted on by the Membership and approved as presented.

2022 Board of Directors

The following slate of Directors was presented and approved by vote of the Membership:

Michele Barefoot

Steve Barthelme

Warren Berg

CB Bowlds

Karen Freeman

Doris Longhurst

Lorrey Muellenberg

Peggy Samaha

Don Seeger

Helen Swinson (1 year)

Karen Freeman thanked outgoing Board members Ellen Collins and Howard Gershon for their many years of dedicated service to the TRA.

Open Discussion

- There was a question about water and the monitoring well fund which was referred to the Water Page on the TRA website www.tanoroad.org.
- The Rich Higgins Award plaque was (again) presented to Peggy Samaha for her dedicated work on the database.
- It was suggested that dead trees in the neighborhood be removed, but this is up to property owners' discretion.
- TRA's eblasts are available for urgent use such as lost pets, wild animal sightings or general emergencies. For more information about the greater area, check out the "Nextdoor.com" site for some good information.
- There are now a number of Internet options in the area: NMSurf and Cybermesa wireless, CenturyLink and possible T-Mobile Hotspot and StarLink.
- The Las Campanas cell tower was approved and could provide better cell service to some western areas of Tano Road.
- There were some mail delivery issues due to short staff at the main Post Office which have since been resolved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 pm.