

Minutes of the Tano Road Association

Board Meeting

April 15, 2019

Attendance

Present: Warren Berg Doris Longhurst
Ellen Collins Lorrey Muehlenberg
Howard Gershon Robin Owen
Karen Freeman Robert Pendley

Absent: C.B. Bowlds
Art Jensen
Jack Purson

1. The meeting was called to order at 3.10 pm.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2019 was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

2. Reports.

Budget. (Doris Longhurst). About one-half the planned budget has been spent, with sufficient remaining for all projected expenditures. The hydrologist will submit a bill soon, and liability insurance is up once again; otherwise, outlays are down from previous periods as the costs of the water well protest have diminished. The TRA account is holding funds in escrow from several of the households involved in the next natural gas line extension.

Water Well Protest. (Ellen Collins). The effort is coming to a successful close. The City has approved a contract with Kuckelman Pump Services to install monitoring systems in three Tano Road wells; there will be a total of 17 installed with Tano Road on the north, and the others on the east, south, and west sides of the City well, measuring depth to water over time. As a result for the TRA, future costs for the project will be much less.

Trails. (Howard Gershon, Lorrey Muehlenberg). Howard and Lorrey presented a proposed agreement with GUSTO (Grand Unified Santa Fe Trails Organization). The main question is access to GUSTO trails, not building new systems. Howard and a group have explored a trail possibility along Camino de los Montoyas; it would traverse the edges of eleven property owners. Howard will canvass these homeowners before proceeding; in any case it would involve a simple dirt walking path. Discussions with County staff in charge of designated trails were unproductive as they were mostly

concerned with objections about the need for crosswalks, safety, and rights of way (owners, utilities, County). Some members expressed concern that a new path may invite more people to cross private property lines.

Trash Bash. (Howard Gershon). It went on, rain and snow, and 15 people showed up. The bags were picked up at the drop points by the City. It is a good idea to link with Keep Santa Fe Beautiful clean-up dates, so it was agreed that the TRA would continue with Trash Bashes for the foreseeable future.

Membership. (Robin Owen). Karen proposed that since the water well protest activity is winding down the Board should focus on a new emphasis, and that it be membership. What are the best ways the Board can support this activity? Robin reported that a questionnaire about attitudes toward TRA membership sent to about 200 members elicited only 12 responses, so it is hard to gauge much from that attempt. Howard re-emphasized that the base issue is whether there is value in being a member. How can we reinforce that value? Doris encouraged Robin to expand her Membership committee.

Robin has scouted out the house being loaned for the Spring Nosh and it is perfect. She will send out invitations soon with a Wild West theme. Robin requested a Save the Date e-blast for the Nosh.

Robin continues to work on the idea of clubs as a Board-supported activity for bringing together special-interest groups and asks for the names of those who have done club formation before; please contact Robin.

Security Patrol. (Warren Berg). Four new people have joined the Security Patrol in the past year. Warren offered to double-check whether those taking a security patrol exemption from TRA annual dues merit the exemption. Also please contact Warren if there are more sightings of apparently homeless persons in the area.

Warren stated that there would be a Security Patrol party this year. He was asked to see about refreshing the two big security signs on Tano at Ridgetop and Tano at Montoyas.

Infrastructure. (Lorrey Muehlenberg). Cyber Mesa and New Mexico Surf are still the only identified alternatives to Century Link for internet service; line-of-sight connectivity is required in each case. Google Fi was again mentioned as a possibility for wireless telephony (but you must have an Android phone).

Communications. (Karen Freeman). Karen has worked on cleaning up the Neighborhood Directory and reminded everyone that access to the Directory is for members only.

3. **Old/New Business.**

Board Secretary. Ellen Collins will replace Robert Pendley as Secretary of the Board.

New (“Hill Blocks View”) signs are posted on Camino de los Montoyas on both sides of Colibri Tierra. Thanks Howard and Art.

A group known as caring.com wants to be listed on the TRA website; the Board decided against that.

4. **Next Board Meeting**. The next meeting will be at Karen’s place on June 24, 2019.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 5.05 pm.