

RCNA Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 18, 2016

Persons present: President: Will Washington, VP: Brian Kerman; Co-Secretaries: Matt and Shannon Glover; Membership Chair: April Bliss

Also present: Rachel Beaulieu; Omar Phoenix; Dallas Hall

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM

- I. **Rattan fest – (moved up on agenda so Dallas could be present)**
  - a. Hours: 10 AM – 5 PM
  - b. 12+ signs needed for Rattan Fest – WILL – to be designed and ordered soon. Ordered too late for adult swim
  - c. **Cop presence to be handled by MUD – we get 2 events per year – Will to get in touch with MUD**
  - d. Dallas has volunteered to handle vendors & kid activities set up & organization
    - i. **Contact Richard Fedal –TexasScapes about marking off spots the night before (they have special spray) – has not spoken to him yet, but it is on her list**
  - e. **Shannon & Matt will handle vendors & kid activities the day of**
    - i. **To meet up with Dallas night before to walk through**
  - f. Vendor FAQ and online form and payment are published
  - g. Vendor email list created and email blast is being prepared – any input?
  - h. Entertainment
    - i. Brian idea – Rattan’s Got Talent – talent show – idea scrapped because of lack of interest
    - ii. Can fall back to band entertainment - should be easy to arrange. Is this something we want to pursue?
      1. Pay bands small honorarium (\$50 or so)
      2. Look into tracking down the band from crawfish boil (Everybody Wants Me Dead)
      3. Brian remembers someone from last year who scouted / booked bands and will try to track him down
      4. Need music budget - \$500 max
      5. **Make sure electricity works for bands**
  - i. Booth limits – current space about 30, Jo Jones says we can fit 50-60 booths
    - i. 14 vendors registered;
    - ii. 4 others responded but have not paid
  - j. **Jo to reach out to Gleason about SWAT toys – need update**
  - k. **Will to reach out to Fire Dept for toys as well**
  - l. Community center will be open for the event – in case it is needed
  - m. Booth Pricing is \$5 for members & \$25 for non-members
    - i. Nothing extra being charged for electricity
  - n. Need to make sure bounce house & food trucks run on generators
  - o. **Create complete list of volunteer slots needed for event – Will**
    - i. Dan and Jason willing to help with parking
  - p. Need someone to take lead on food trucks –April to handle
    - i. Kona ice
    - ii. 512 BBQ
    - iii. Garbos or Dock and Roll
    - iv. Chilantro
    - v. Will to look at spreadsheet in Box

- vi. Last year: Taco truck, neighbor serving BBQ sandwiches
  - vii. Cajun Pizza?
  - q. Advertising in progress – newsletter, website, email, Austin chronicle, community impact, do512, everfest, - Will has submitted
    - i. Submitted to most of the above in early July – additional sites to be submitted to – all will be included in event document
  - r. Email will be handled through original gmail account and also forwarded to Dallas’s private email - rattancreekevents@gmail.com – can be changed next year if we want – [rattanfest@rattancreek.org](mailto:rattanfest@rattancreek.org) email has been created
  - s. Are we allowed to tape notices on ends of mailboxes – NO
  - t. Dallas update
    - i. Kid events:
      1. Jaime True – Science experiments
      2. Tumble Pro
      3. Martial Arts
      4. High school students come out to do game booth – offer booth for free.
      5. Face painting – Dallas’ mom has done it in the past and will do it for \$50
      6. No bounce house yet, but it is something we want to do. Last year we rented our own.
        - a. Need insurance and generator
        - b. Will to provide info to Dallas
      7. Petting zoo / Animal rescue? **Will to look into past years arrangement and get the info to Dallas**
    - ii. **Omar to offer doggie daycare and offer Rattan Creek 5%**
    - iii. 5K is going well; might offer 1 mile for kids
      1. School’s biggest fundraiser
      2. Route is on website
- II. Open Floor For Attendees – limited to 3 minutes each**
- a. Omar – concerned about leash laws
    - i. RCNA board has no sway in the matter
    - ii. Jo assures everyone that patrols are increased and citations are being written
    - iii. Issues with apartments at the turnaround – we have no push with them. Management is uncooperative
    - iv. Call non-emergency number when any violation is spotted
- III. Facebook / Nextdoor**
- a. Concern about moderation
  - b. Rachel and Omar have both expressed interest in helping with moderation
  - c. Current mod who doesn’t live in the neighborhood doesn’t want to relinquish control
- IV. Newsletter**
- a. Teresa Chin has stepped down as newsletter editor – back into holding pattern on newsletter until we find an editor – stepped down the evening before the August board meeting – more work than she originally envisioned
    - i. Think about hiring someone to handle the newsletter and pay them out of the ad revenues
    - ii. Will wants nothing to do with it
    - iii. Will to reach out the Teresa
    - iv. Jo has some names she can pass along who might do it for pay
  - b. Rachel and Omar have expressed interest

- c. Discuss doing away with ads outside of the MUD pages – the MUD can pay for an 8 page newsletter with their 4 paid pages – makes it much easier going forward –carrying as an agenda item
  - d. Email will be handled through original gmail account for now – can change that later
- V. Review & Accept Previous Meeting Minutes & Quick Votes**
- a. Will motions
  - b. April seconded
  - c. Passed unanimously
- VI. Treasurer’s Report**
- a. We are in good shape
- VII. Membership Report**
- a. No current total – need update from pool office
  - b. We received a big check from pool but no list of who paid.
  - c. Look into some kind of auto-renewal on credit cards for 2017 – carry as agenda item
- VIII. Scholarship Update**
- a. Winners have been updated
  - b. Any of the winners decline being mentioned in congratulation notice for advertising? **Need update from Jason.**
    - i. **Brian is on board**
    - ii. **Need to check with Dallas and Stuart’s parents**
  - c. Need to stress the fact that we only had 3 applicants this year while advertising for it next year– carry as agenda item
  - d. Add a permission statement to application for publish name and picture online
  - e. Will to get the scholarship page & application updated by September board meeting – can use an announcement of 2016 winners to advertise 2017 application
- IX. ACC Report**
- a. Sage Management has proposed to take in and do ACC responsibilities because too many cases are being passed on. They should only deal with deed restrictions. To be discussed at next meeting when ACC members are present.
    - i. MUD board can’t do ACC
    - ii. If they are challenged in court, they could be overstepping the boundaries
    - iii. Idea from Jo: ACC could charge more for larger projects and they can pay Sage Management to handle the project
      - 1. Brian thinks people aren’t paying anyway, no way they will pay higher fees
      - 2. People are sending applications to the old deed restriction company from old hard copy deeds
      - 3. MUD working to clarify language on the website
  - b. If someone doesn’t get a response within 30 days, it is considered approved by ACC
  - c. Brian / Dan / Nick to meet sometime over summer for a pricing structure overhaul
    - i. Invite Jimmy to next meeting to discuss
    - ii. Look into bylaws
- X. MUD Report**
- a. Moving forward with restroom @ Robinson Park soccer field and pump houses
  - b. Pavilion moving forward, still working on approvals
  - c. Road updates – cul-de-sac finishing aimed for fall
    - i. Working on finalizing where semi’s are parked
  - d. Tax rate – working on setting .5 cent reduction. Looking between 3-7 cent per \$100 valuation

- e. Looking into decorative concrete fence on Anderson Mill perimeter
- f. Mailboxes – solar streetlights for increased security – added to budget. Need to get approval from both counties. Looking good so far.
- g. Sidewalks – need to bombard commissioner
- h. 1 person currently running for Keith’s position - Red
  - i. Rachel might run as well
  - ii. Red will fight against annexation

**XI. Past Event Review & Lessons Learned**

- a. Easter Egg Hunt
  - i. Purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> bunny outfit – Shannon has found a replacement option
    - 1. \$75 on Amazon
    - 2. Shannon to purchase and work with reimbursement with Jason
  - ii. Print out signs for next year – Dallas to provide dream list of signage to Will
- b. August/September Happy Hour
  - i. Phil’s Happy Hour poorly attended – heat? Last minute change? End of summer and everyone is busy?
  - ii. **Flip back to Little Woodrows in September – Will to take the lead**
- c. Adult Swim - 8/12
  - i. Event was very poorly attended – maybe 20-25 people total?
  - ii. Signs were very late and put up the day of / no newsletter notice / no NextDoor notice
  - iii. 1 person paid for 3 on Eventbrite – that was it
  - iv. Used Brian’s buy one get one free fundraising card at the papa johns on Parmer just north of 620 – that worked well
  - v. Lessons learned and changes for next year
    - 1. Maybe move to an earlier weekend? Late July / last weekend
- d. Christmas In The Park – 12/18
  - i. Ashley expressed interest in redoing the songbooks – **Will confirmed at adult swim that she is still willing to handle it**
  - ii. **Jo has old digital files - Will has sent email to Ashley / Jo to put them in touch**
  - iii. Will has the old supply of songbooks if needed
  - iv. Chad Lloyd definitely willing to be Santa again
  - v. MUD to open CC to provide cookies and refreshments

**XII. Additional Events**

- a. Town Hall – some time in Oct TBD
- b. National Night Out – Tuesday Aug 2nd – possibly do something in 2017 in conjunction with Town & Country
  - i. **Book it right after this year’s event – WHO IS IN CHARGE?**
  - ii. **Previous year we did hamburgers and hotdogs in the park and it was a big success – WHAT YEAR?**
  - iii. Prize goes to block with most participation (by percentage)?
  - iv. Possible cook-out / Child ID / Pet Chip ?
  - v. Some kind of presentation?
  - vi. Sign in for neighborhood watch?
  - vii. Tabled to next meeting

**XIII. Neighborhood Watch / Crime Stats**

- a. Primary goal – to get signs put up around neighborhood
- b. Crime stats page to be added to website - Don Stotts to submit to Will
- c. Rachel connected to Don from hood and Matt Kreidel from Wilco
- d. Update from Rachel – Don is hard to get ahold of. Landline only.
  - i. Will to reach out to Don to try to assist in communication

- e. Pages for neighborhood watch and crime stats on website - but very empty right now
  - f. Can post on Facebook / Nextdoor to generate interest when ready
- XIV. Website / Email**
- a. Will wants to make a “Why the MUD is awesome” page. Needs to make a bulleted list.
    - i. Explain consequences of annexation
  - b. Paid ads along sidebar of website? Just carrying forward as an agenda item for now
  - c. Payment system for sponsors was set up incorrectly – Will needs to work through and figure out how to collect Money – Brian – were you refunded?
    - i. **Will still needs to handle this**
- XV. Miscellaneous**
- a. Will’s Return And Abandonment
    - i. House up for sale sometime in September – not sure of the timeline – not sure about Rattan Fest –board needs to recruit for president for next year and any other vacancies
  - b. Storage
    - i. All supplies should be returned to Will by now
    - ii. Currently Will’s house serves as storage & Dallas’s house for Easter eggs
      - 1. **Need to figure out a solution – soon to lose Will’s house for storage**
    - iii. Suggestion: Try to work out agreement with incoming storage unit with Anderson Mill / Parmer
      - 1. When will this be ready?
      - 2. Offer ads / sponsorship on website
      - 3. Free booth at RF.
      - 4. Public storage is \$77 for 10x10. Might be able to get non-profit rate at someone with low occupancy
      - 5. Uncle Bobs near Red Barn
        - a. Up to \$500 a year
          - i. Passed unanimously
        - b. Will to look into local options
  - c. Updating the By-Laws
    - i. Carrying as an agenda item until we are ready to address this

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM