SLNA General Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2008

This meeting was held at the Skyline Terrace. The meeting was called to order by SLNA

President Nancy Maclaine at 7:07PM. SLNA officers present: Maclaine, Gibbs, Umscheid, Bissell.

1) John Bissell presented the Treasurer's report:

Checking Account Balance: \$941.74

Undeposited: \$ 0.00

Savings Account Balance: \$1262.35

Two CDs Balance: \$2280.97

Total Funds: \$4485.06

Membership as of 8/21/08: 36

Membership at end of 2007: 63

- 2) SLNA officer elections were held. The slate was as follows: Nancy Maclaine ran unopposed for President. Krista Umscheid ran unopposed for Vice-President. David Ansel ran unopposed for Secretary. Sally Merritt ran unopposed for Treasurer. Carol Gibbs ran unopposed for ANC representative. The slate was unanimously elected. Carol Gibbs delivered her annual "we need new blood" speech and threatened that the neighborhood association was in danger of folding for a lack of neighborhood participation.
- 3) Alyssa Schramm, our neighborhood's community liaison from CapMetro, presented details on major CapMetro projects. Metrorail will run 32 miles through 9 stations and begin service March 30, and function during commuter hours only. Metrorapid, another upcoming project, are express super-size buses that can communicate with traffic lights to make them 25% faster. There was some discussion of bus stops serving the neighborhood on Lamar and we asked about moving the southbound stop closer to the light at Bluebonnet.
- 4) Discussion of Prop 2, the "End Domain Subsidies" vs. "Keep Austin's Word" battle. Brian Rogers presented a video in support of his proposition. Some dude named Carl under the employ of the opposition described the dangers of passing Prop 2.
- 5) We discussed the future of the Sentinel, which is in danger of being cancelled by the printer for lack of advertising revenues. We discussed going to an all-email version should that case arise.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

- David Ansel