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Greater San Antonio Community Association Progress Report for 2012

January 1, 2013

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The year 2013, with all of its hopes and promise of a new and better life, is here. It's a new year, full of challenges ahead!

For us living at The Crossings and The Old Mill, it means we need to work with the City so that San Antonio Center changes to improve our quality of life without swamping us in traffic or depriving us of treasured local services like the Milk Pail. To respond to this challenge, we need to grow our neighborhood spirit and community vitality.

To help those goals, we started the Greater San Antonio Community Association (GSACA). We have been at work this past Autumn. The following is our progress report.

Paul Edwards
Vice President and Secretary
Interim Board of Directors
Greater San Antonio Community Association

The GSACA is up, running, and formally registered with the City of Mountain View as a neighborhood association. Membership has been growing since our Kick-off Rally in October, and there are now 70 members. We expect that to grow to 200 or more over the next half year.

These are the Interim Board activities:

- The interim Board of Directors has been growing since the October Kick-off Rally. At first, it had three members, Paul Edwards, Rolf Strossner, and Stephen Friberg.
- As of the January 7th, 2013, our association will have a full Interim Board of Directors, composed of seven residents from both The Crossings and The Old Mill. They will be Paul Edwards, Rolf Strossner, Stephen Friberg, Charles Bransi, Anthony Shortland, Johanne Corbeil, and John Cumbers.
- The officers are: Stephen Friberg, President; Paul Edwards, Vice President and acting Secretary; Rolf Strossner, Treasurer.
- The Board has adopted a set of Bylaws, which have been in review since November. These govern the actions of the Board and the General Membership meetings.
- The Board has been meeting at least monthly, with its first priority of business being the Visioning Workshops for the San Antonio Change Area that were held in October and December and that were very well attended. Board members were very active in distributing flyers and meeting neighbors face-to-face.
- The Board's second priority is to increase our membership. You can help us with this by talking with neighbors and urging them to join the Association.



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- The Board's third priority is to revive our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Neighborhood Watch programs.
- The Community Security Committee was the first committee of the Association. Rolf Strossner and Paul Edwards are co-chairs. The Security Committee includes The Crossings CERT and Neighborhood Watch teams. We recently held a training presented by Lynn Brown of the MV Fire Department and attended by 11 residents and 3 members of two local businesses.
- The Planning Committee is the second committee of the Association. Its members include Nancy Morimoto, Anthony Shortland, Jarrett Mullen, Stephen Friberg, Matt Raschke, Charles Bransi, and Paul Edwards. This group has been meeting since June 2012, and is responsible for working with the City to put on the Visioning Workshops.
- The Membership Committee is the third committee of the Association. Anthony Shortland and Paul Edwards are co-chairs. Anthony handles the Google groups discussion and email channels, and Paul handles the face-to-face contacts.
- If you are interested in working on any of these committees, please contact Paul or Stephen.
- The Board has been reaching out to the other Mountain View neighborhood associations, especially our next-door Monta Loma. We are joining a City-wide association of neighborhood associations.

There are some important early 2013 Calendar dates:

- January 22nd: There will be Mountain View City Council meeting at which the results of the San Antonio Center Visioning workshops will be presented. Then, or shortly after, we expect Merlone Geier, the developer of the new buildings in the Center, to present a second proposal for Phase II. We really need your presence at that City Council meeting to make our wishes known loud and clear!
- Late January: There will be a Cheese and Wine event in the clubhouse of The Old Mill. Our Board members are working with Old Mill residents to organize the event. There will be a separate announcement of date, time, and place in about a week.
- February TBD: The first Annual Membership Meeting will be held near the end February. At that meeting, the general membership will elect the members of the first elected Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board or on committees, please contact us.

Please join us in making our community vibrant and strong.

Stephen Friberg
President
Interim Board of Directors
Greater San Antonio Community Association
