



# LAVACA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 6:30 pm

Via Zoom Conference Call

<b>Officers and Directors</b>	
Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, President Sarah Sorenson, Vice President Kat Doucette, Secretary Vik Gudi, Treasurer Nick Melde, Planning Amy Young, Communications Dir.	Douglas Mendizabal, Membership Director VACANT, Transportation & Public Safety Billy Lambert, Southtown Business Owner Darryl Ohlenbusch, Zoning & Historic Pres. VACANT, Events Coordinator Nataly Jennings, At Large

Board Members Present: Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, Kat Doucette, Darryl Ohlenbusch, Nataly Jennings, Billy Lambert, Amy Young, and Sarah Sorensen

Board Members Absent: Vik Gudi, Douglas Mendizabal, and Nick Melde

Guests: Steve Lechelop

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>Meeting Called to order at 6:38 pm</b>
<b>2. Meeting with Steve Lechelop</b>	<p>What is happening with the bond and how will it impact the neighborhood?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Steve is the school board member who represents the neighborhood. He's been on the board for the last 7 years.</li> <li>- For the last 40 years, the district, until 2010, had not had a long term facilities plan. Funding came from individual donors. In 2010, decisions were made that we needed to engage in a long-term facilities plan because so many of the buildings in SAISD were deteriorating. There was a 2010 bond, and 2016 bond, and they're proposing a 2020 bond.</li> <li>- In December 2019, as a school district, they appointed a blue ribbon task force with the plan that the task force would evaluate the schools in the most need, fixing the worst problems, completing the bonds, and addressing enrollments needs.</li> <li>- Because of COVID, they were unable to make as many rounds to neighborhood associations as originally intended.</li> </ul>

- They want to increase enrollment and sustain enrollment.
- Bonham is one of the best schools in the district. It is overcrowded.
- Burnet, which currently serves as a de facto office space, will be vacant by April next year. The question is what could the Burnet center look like if they were to reactivate the building as a school?
- First step is it would have to be placed in the bond, second step is that it will have to pass, third step is that district will determine (with community involvement) the best use of the space.
- It was incorrectly stated in the newspaper that a decision was made that Burnet would become the middle school flow-over from Bonham. David Nungaray was trying to budget, and middle schools are very expensive, so he budgeted \$37M which was on the high end, but it was taken in the newspaper that a decision had been made, which is not true. They are still in the decision making process.
- By expanding Bonham's capacity, it would be possible to extend the school lines to south Lavaca, which is currently zoned to attend Green.
- They want this to be a partnership effort with the community to determine the best use of the space for Burnet.
- The idea is that if they remove middle school grades from the St. Mary's campus, they can add Pre-K to Bonham, and then expand enrollment zones to south Lavaca. By having more capacity at every grade level, they can expand enrollment to all of Lavaca.
- → What happens to Green if enrollment is changed to Bonham? Answer. Green has been perpetually underenrolled. They can re-imagine Green. It falls just under the cutoff threshold for buildings that need the most renovation right now. It can be modified in a subsequent bond.
- What would be the projected student body numbers at Burnet? Steve doesn't know. There's a calculation based on number of classrooms, and the idea would be to reach that capacity to serve the most kids. They want to make sure that traffic patterns around the school have as minimum impact as possible.
- Recommendation made to Steve that district work to put lights at Labor and Cesar Chavez for safety of via buses and crossing.
- How does the district work with developers, for example, when Catellus is proposing to put 400 new units in the neighborhood? Steve's answer: Whenever they are planning enrollment in any school, they look at proposed projects and underway projects. They will look to see if it is practical to expand enrollment to Bonham.
- Cherise's concerns: Bonham is partially a neighborhood school, but it's not fully a neighborhood school. Neighborhood kids get priority, but there is a long waitlist of kids who want to join, and

	<p>many of those kids are out of the district. If it becomes a boutique campus, we don't want it to exclude neighborhood kids. As SAISD taxpayers, we want to make sure our kids have priority at our Bonham School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Steve's Response: The bond will not raise our taxes. The neighborhood kids will be served first. They will add a layer of choice to those in the district to come to Bonham. We will always serve our neighborhood kids. Neither Bonham nor Burnet will become a non-neighborhood school.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Treasurer's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only major expenses that have hit the bank in the last couple of months are \$140 for PO box and \$643 for insurance. Total deposits of \$300 to include medals and merchandise.</li> <li>- The current balance is \$13,566.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minutes for June and August approved.</li> </ul>
<b>5. LNA General Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Historic Design – Darryl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Perhaps we should wait to announce approach to making Baja Lavaca historic until we have a more concrete plan. It may be best to wait until early next year once the pandemic has passed.</li> <li>o We need more information from OHP about the process before presenting it.</li> <li>o Darryl, Nick, and Billy will put together a timeline for next board meeting in November so that we can get the ball rolling over the holidays and roll out in January.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- SAISD – Steve Lechelop (maybe David Nungaray) will present</li> <li>- Session on elected officials</li> <li>- Announce SAHA Meeting 7/22.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Medal Sales</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We still have medals to sell.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Taco Haven</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We were going to talk about designating Taco Haven as historic. Since they've already passed zoning, they are unlikely to change.</li> <li>- We may approach it when we move to change the whole neighborhood to historic.</li> </ul>
<b>8. Homeless Camp Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have Trevino talk about the City's plan to help homeless population and social workers involved at the next neighborhood meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Board Member Recruitment for 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We need to work on recruitment for more board members.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Future Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can we do a neighborhood event in November to have a trash pick up? Get restaurants involved to do curbside pickup, etc.</li> <li>- We can work on more events like this in the spring.</li> </ul>
<b>11. Adjourn</b>	<b>Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm</b>

Kat McColley Doucette, Secretary