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The Program: The Ever-Unfolding Brooks CityBase Story

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Chili, Starbucks, Walmart, Buffalo Wild Wings and other such businesses at Brooks CityBase are really sizzling! On a different level, DPT labs and the proposed \$100 million dollar Southeast Baptist Hospital portend a nucleus of good-paying jobs and solid economic opportunities for Southeast San Antonio and the region.

However, with Southeast San Antonio having only one member of the 11- member Brooks Development Authority

(BDA) board, and the Executive Director Tom Rumora departing for greener pastures, this agency and its mission cannot be in a state of free-fall. It is with this in mind that we have asked the distinguished Chairman of the BDA, Mayor Emeritus, Howard Peak to address us on his perspectives relative to the continuing evolution of this property. The welcome amenities like the stores mentioned above have been long overdue but the major economic

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"Highland Hills Heroes" - Your 2006 Officers

Some of the truly unsung heroes in our community are the leaders of Neighborhood Associations and their dedicated members. Some time ago, the Greater San Antonio Chamber coined the phrase, "Doing what most people think just happens." So it is that neighborhood leaders make the extra effort to insure that their families can live in a quality setting.

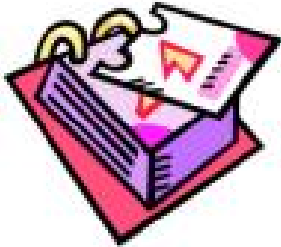
This year we have a new President in **Don Gadberry** who has a long track record of loyalty to our community. Don brings to this task a long experience of leadership at Highlands High School and in the San Antonio Independent School District. He understands youth and has consistently demonstrated his dedication to the proper guidance of youth as they take

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**Minutes of the
HIGHLAND HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Held at the Highland Hills E. S. on
December 5, 2005



Next Meeting

Monday
January 9
Highland Hills Elem.
7 PM

Dates to Remember

Jan. 9 - HHNA Meeting
Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King
Jr. Day
Feb. 6 - HHNA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by **Christel Villarreal, President**. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and acknowledged the following guests: Candidate for U.S. Congress **Ciro Rodriguez**, and former S. A. Councilwoman **Helen Dutmer**.

Following the Christmas social, including dinner of turkey, ham and covered dishes offered by the membership, the business portion of the meeting was resumed at 7:10.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the November minutes as published. The treasurer's report was also approved as published.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate for officers for the HHNA for 2006: **Don Gadberry** for President

Tommy Adkisson
for Vice President

Christel Villarreal
for Secretary

Cathy Dean for
Treasurer

Board Members:

Cannon Farris
Reba Malone
Roger Perales
Ann Smith
King Trainor

The President asked if there were

nominations from the floor, but there were none. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate as recommended by the committee, by acclamation. The motion carried.

Old Business: Liberty Crossing - **Don Gadberry** withdrew his motion, with the approval of the second, of supporting the plan as presented by representative of Liberty Crossing that was tabled at the November meeting and moved as follows:

Motion made that Highland Hills Neighborhood Association approve the plans as were presented for Liberty Crossing at the November 3, 2005 meeting with larger than 4,000 sq ft lots, masonry fences instead of wood fences, bridge access to Military Drive and six entrances to the property without a TIF approval. Motion seconded by **Cathy Dean**.

There was no further discussion. A secret ballot by paid up members was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Ramos, representing **Councilman Gutierrez**, will relay this information to him.

New Business: AGUA - A lawsuit was filed against TEXDOT regarding the construction of toll roads over the Edwards Aquifer without an environmental impact study being done and without input from the voters.

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In November, AGUA presented to City Council members and the Mayor proposed revisions to the city's Water Quality Ordinance. Motion was made and seconded to support AGUA's Water Quality Ordinance Revisions. After discussion, the membership voted unanimously to support AGUA's proposed revisions.

District 3 Angel Tree - **Councilman Gutierrez** asked for help to deliver gifts to less fortunate children at Christmas. He supplied each neighborhood association

with ten gifts for children and charged them to find the needy children.

Next meeting will be on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Executive Board meeting will be on Saturday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Marie Louise Adkisson won the raffle of \$14. Two gifts were donated by **Mr. and Mrs. Saliba** as part of the raffle. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted by **Esther Villarreal**, Secretary. ■

Fortune Magazine Housing Survey: San Antonio is #1

In the latest edition of Fortune Magazine, Housing markets across the country were surveyed and the housing market in San Antonio was rated number 1 by it's percent of increase in value: 8+ %!

We hope Bexar Appraisal District doesn't take note but each of us should take confidence in the wisdom of home-ownership in San Antonio!

Give your tree new life after the holidays!

- Residents asked to recycle Christmas trees -

Residents are asked to take part in a holiday "tree-dition" by recycling their fresh cut Christmas trees on **Wednesday, January 11**. Trees should be placed out curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on this special scheduled collection day.

Here are guidelines to help residents prepare their Christmas tree for collection:

- Strip of all decorations, nails and stands before being placed out for collection;
- Trees longer than six feet should be cut in half.

- Do not wrap tree in plastic.
- Place tree on the front curb for collection; no trees will be picked up in alleys.
- Flocked trees will be accepted.

All trees collected will be taken to the Bitters Brush Recycling Center, 1800 Bitters Road, and shredded into pine mulch. The ***mulch from Christmas trees will be available to the City's Solid Waste rate payers*** for free on a "first come, first serve" basis beginning, Saturday, January 21, at the Bitters Brush Recycling Center.

When entering the Bitters Brush Recycling Center, residents will be asked to present a

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recent CPS Energy bill indicating the City's solid waste payment fee and a driver's license to validate residency to avoid being charged a service fee. The brush center is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mulch, when used in gardens, helps keep weeds down, helps insulate the soil from freezes, conserves water and provides beneficial microorganisms to bedding plants.

Residents who miss the January 11 recycle day can take their Christmas trees to the Bitters Road Brush Recycling Center free of charge **until Saturday, January 21**, with identification as a City Solid Waste rate payer. Rate paying residents may only drop off their Christmas trees free of charge; fees will be charged for other types of trees or brush items.

Each year, the City recycles more than 28,000 trees, saving valuable landfill space and preserving natural resources. Please do your part to preserve our environment by recycling each day.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling and obtaining free pine mulch, call 3-1-1. ■

The Program Continued...

generators are fundamental to the long term success of the Brooks CityBase. Join us as we hear from Chairman Peak about the future of Brooks CityBase and to a great extent of Southeast San Antonio. ■

New Officers Continued...

their proper and constructive role in our society.

The Team that is your Executive Board is likewise filled with dedication and a great sense of responsibility for the strength and destiny of our neighborhood. They join other great leaders in our community who serve in positions of responsibility in our churches, youth sports, the Lions Club, Rotary, The Optimists Club, the various boards and commissions of the City and the County well as the school district and other very important organizations that are the fabric of our very being.

They are Tommy Adkisson, Vice President; Christel Villarreal, Secretary; Cathy Dean, Treasurer; Board Members: Cannon Farris; Reba Malone, Roger Perales; Ann Smith; King Trainor

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