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Anthony Chukwudolue (left) and Razi Hosseini (right) explain bond proposals at last JNA meeting

Municipal Bond Proposals Presented

During the last JNA meeting **Anthony Chukwudolue**, and **Razi Hosseini** both Assistant Directors from Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) discussed the new 2017 Municipal Bond.

JNA members heard the new City Bond for 2017 is anticipated to be for \$850 million dollars. Survey findings taken from City residents concluded that their most important area of concern is infrastructure. Residents want Sidewalks, streets, curbs and flood control. This bond will also assist the estimated 1.1 million new residents to San Antonio by 2040. Last year San Antonio combined with New Braunfels witnessed an influx of 50,000 new residents.

This will be the largest bond in the history of San Antonio and fortunately historic low interest rates combined with the City's triple A rating will help in obtaining low interest rate loans. Property taxes will not

be raised. In May 2017 City residents will vote for both the SAISD Bond for \$450 million and the City Bond. It is to go before City Council for a vote on September 17. City Manager **Sheryl Scully** reported: "The bond program is how we make those big capital investments."

"The bond covers five categories: streets, bridges and sidewalks; drainage and flood control; parks; facilities, like fire stations and libraries; and a new proposition called neighborhood improvements, a category that could include money for affordable housing... This would be the first time affordable housing would be considered for the bond, although officials say there are potential roadblocks to the types of housing programs originally envisioned."

CTI reported that there will be a onetime project for corporations such as SAWS, CPS, and VIA.

Before officials begin publically vetting potential projects, the council must appoint committee members to five bond over-sight committees which will help craft the list of projects put before voters next year. If you are interested in working on any of these projects, contact our District 7 City Councilman, Cris Medina, at (210) 207-0870.

The aforementioned information was taken from reports at the JNA Meeting on August 12, 2017, Councilman Cris Medina's Presidents Meeting, August 27, and from the Official City of San Antonio Website.

The next JNA Meeting is on Monday, September 12, at 7:00 PM, at the Jefferson United Methodist Church, Donaldson at Wilson.

*Speakers: VIA
SAISD*



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Message from Marie



A recent article in the Beacon Hill News describes a zoning controversy that the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association is going through. Since Beacon Hill is so close by and since we in the Jefferson Neighborhood area are in the midst of similar plans for redeveloping the Fredericksburg Road area, the disagreement is instructive.

The problem began when the city zoning commission permitted a developer to put a Stripes convenience store on the corner of Fredericksburg Rd. and Woodlawn. **Cynthia Maria Spielman**, president of the Beacon Hill Neighborhood Association, then filed an appeal to the City alleging misinterpretation of BHNA's Conservation District standards. The property developer then threatened to sue if she did not rescind the appeal and warned that litigation would be an expensive and lengthy process. The **Tier One Neighborhood Coalition (T1NC)** came into existence in direct response to that threat. The coalition is comprised of several non-profit neighborhood associations inside Loop 410. This coalition has had a beneficial effect in bringing together these groups in a common cause: that of ensuring that neighborhood conservation standards are appropriately considered and maintained. With significant development coming in, adherence to these standards is central to maintaining our neighborhoods' character as our city grows.

T1NC immediately began working to research areas of the **SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan**. Their research determined that the city planners had not included neighborhoods with conservation districts and the standards associated with them. The plan mainly addressed population growth expected by 2040 and proposed goals to accommodate that growth. T1NC suggested several revisions to the Comprehensive Plan to protect neighborhoods with Neighborhood Conservation Districts and Historic Districts.

T1NC held a meeting with **Mayor Ivy Taylor**, **Councilman Cris Medina**, District 7, and **Councilman Trevino**, District 1. The need for revisions to the Comprehensive Plan were stated. The City officials listened, and the Mayor mentioned not being aware of the lack of inclusion of neighborhoods in the planning process and seemed to understand the importance of revising the plan. On 8/11/16 city council voted in support of all neighborhood amendments set forth by the T1NC. The following are the end result of the revisions.

"T1NC accomplishments:

a. "Inclusion: Any future update will include resident and stakeholder input as the Comprehensive Plan is a community-based plan."

b. "Neighborhoods: SA Tomorrow recognizes the importance of our existing neighborhoods. These treasured assets are the foundation of our city and will continue to play a critical role in our future planning efforts. The growth strategies recommended in this plan protect and enhance these valuable parts of our City by focusing many of the new housing units and jobs into the other building blocks. By investing in our neighborhoods, in conjunction with strategic planning in our corridors, urban centers, and regional centers, we ensure the ability to create and support complete communities across our city with access to a variety of amenities and daily needs and services."

c. "Neighborhood Conservation Districts/Historic Districts: For example, existing historic districts and neighborhood conservation dis-

tracts are not recommended for higher density development and should receive enhanced protection to prevent this."

d. "Where appropriate: Incentivize high density housing in regional centers, and along public transit routes where appropriate."

e. "Stormwater Inside Loop 410: NRES Policy (under Stormwater Management): The City should address the impacts of stormwater run-off from public facilities and schools to protect adjacent neighborhoods."

f. "Implementation: The community and stakeholder engagement process should include a minimum of: a Steering Committee with representation from each neighborhood, including all registered neighborhood associations, within and adjacent to the Regional Center..."

g. "The plans: The Community Plans should integrate and will eventually incorporate two plan types from the 2009 CPP, neighborhood plans and community plans" "The size was reduced from 15 square miles to 5."

h. "The Buffer Zone: Establish appropriate buffers and transitions (land use, form and/or landscaping) between residential neighborhoods and surrounding higher density development."

I would like to thank all the members of the T1NC for their passion and dedication in securing input by the community in future revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and all other amendments made for safety, saving our neighborhoods, environmental issues and buffer zones.

I am honored to be a part of this alliance and I want to thank everyone who supports us.

I want to also thank the public figures who rallied when they heard what had occurred and provided information concerning SLAPP, a Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation which protects frivolous lawsuits used to intimidate and silence opposing voices with threats of expense and lengthy litigation. Texas has some of the strongest anti SLAPP laws in the country and through the Citizens Participation Act (TCPA) makes it easy to have suits dismissed. **Senator Jose Menendez**, District 26, and **State Representative Bernal**, District 123, provided this information.

Please stand up for your rights and speak up!

At the next JNA meeting, Sept 12, VIA will give a presentation, and a SAISD representative will speak on behalf of the \$450,000,000 proposed bond. The City did not go into specifics about the SAISD bond during the last meeting.

Thank you,
Marie Cooper

Save the Dates!

JNA Meeting: Mon, Sep 12, 7pm, Jeff United Methodist Church

Evita: Weekends thru Sep 11, Woodlawn Theater, woodlawntheatre.org/evita/

Jazz's Alive: Sat & Sun, Sep 17-18, Travis Park, saparksfoundation.org/events

Sidovia: Sun, Sep 25, The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza, ymcasatx.org/sidovia

If your non-profit organization has an event that might be of interest to JNA members please e-mail the details to Chuck Whitehead, cdw.fifty@gmail.com by the 20th of the prior month.

Ad rates/month: 2"x3.5"=\$30; 3.5"x3.5"=\$40; 3.5"x7"=\$50

Ads accepted on a space available basis.



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JNA Business Member Spotlight

By Mary Morales

"Strong neighbors build strong communities, forging and building relationships that become the enduring mortar that unites."



St. Paul Catholic Church
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Live Music, Nachos, Ring Toss, Bingo, Silent Auction and the smell of burgers on the grill; an annual event that transports me right back to grade school. I wonder if they still have the Dunking Booth, for the highlight at any church festival in my day was when the parish priest got dunked! These are the familiar sounds, sights and aromas that can only mean one thing, "the annual church festival"!

This year St. Paul Family Festival will be on Sunday, October 2, 2016. The Kick Off will be the Harvest Hustle, a Family Fun 5k Run & Walk with proceeds to benefit education. The walk/run begins at 8:30 AM at the Community Center, winds through our Jefferson neighborhood, and ends

at the Church Festival Grounds, a great way to start the festivities! You may register for this event online at www.iaapweb.com or call 210 733-7152, or email avidaurri.stpaul@gmail.com.

St. Paul Catholic Church, 350 Sutton Drive, is a cornerstone in the Jefferson Neighborhood. Established in 1955, in a then new and growing northwest neighborhood, it has continued to flourish and grow with a deep sense of service and commitment. With the recent acquisition of the St. Paul Community Center and its varied offerings, from a Learning Center for children, to Line Dancing and Stretch exercises for adults, Informational Lectures, Bunco and more, the St. Paul family is leading the way to create a truly vibrant and involved community.

All are welcome to St. Paul Catholic Community, one need not be a parishioner to participate, pastor **Father Charles Chaffman** welcomes everyone with open arms, a big smile and a genuine caring spirit.

www.saintpaulsa.org

JNA Officers Elected for 2016-17

Jefferson Neighborhood Association officers for 2016-2017 were elected at our meeting on August 8, 2016.

They are:

President: Marie Cooper

Vice-President: Elia Reyna

Secretary: Vicki Wright

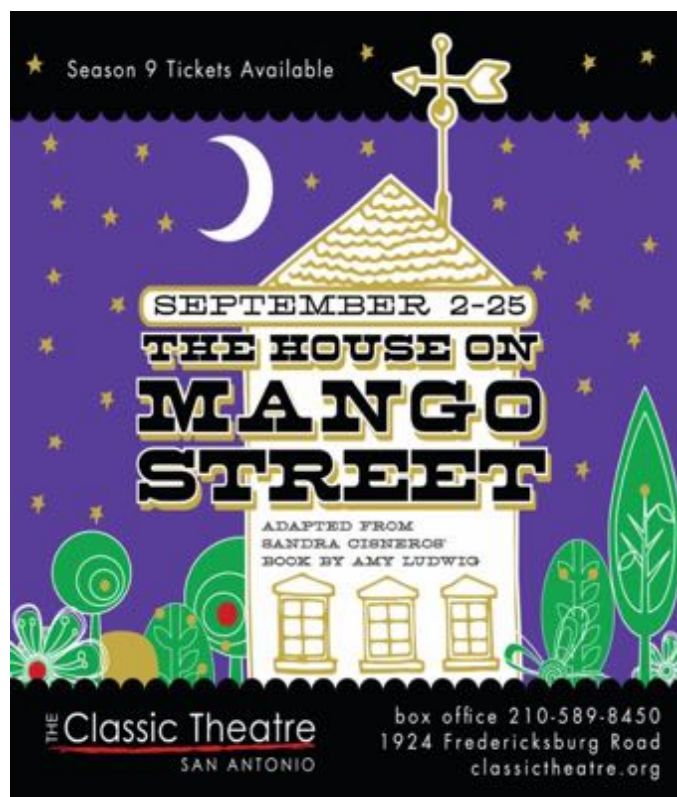
Treasurer: Liliana Mireles Moreno

Board Member: Henry Garcia

Board Member: Gil Moreno

Board Member: Lynn Waghalter

Congratulations to them. We are grateful for their willingness to share their time to make our neighborhood a better place to live, work and play!



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About the pieces

This painting is from a series called *Cosina Mexicana* (Mexican Kitchen). Many paintings from this series can be seen at UTSA. I could have studied the art of cooking because I love the kitchen so much. I often call my mother to ask her for her various Mexican recipes, she doesn't cook anything else. Rosa Rodriguez, inspired my first series of paintings called *Cosina Mexicana*. My love for cooking extends far beyond Mexican cuisine. I have traveled to many parts of the world and have experience a variety of dishes. These tomatoes and basil are from my own garden.

About the artist

San Antonio native Elizabeth Rodriguez is a full-time artist. She began her career as a self-taught artist in oil painting and later apprenticed with other artists from whom she learned to work with mosaics, ceramics, watercolor, murals and much more. Rodriguez received her BA from Our Lady of the Lake University. Her work is informed by extensive travel to visit museums across Europe. Her paintings have been featured in several group exhibitions, including "Contemporary Latino Art: El Corazon de San Antonio," at Texas A & M-San Antonio. Her first solo exhibition, "On the Eve of Consciousness," was hosted by Bihl Haus in March 2015. She has been teaching painting in the GO! Arts Program since October 2015.

Local Resident and Realtor Camille Rodriguez Brigant is dedicated to supporting the arts in our community. Camille specializes in the marketing and selling of historic properties. Historic homes require a Realtor who understands how to accurately price each unique property and market to specialized buyers. **Contact Camille for a free personalized evaluation of your home's value.**



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Back to School

by SAFFE Officer Michael Kilmer posted on nextdoor.com on 22 Aug

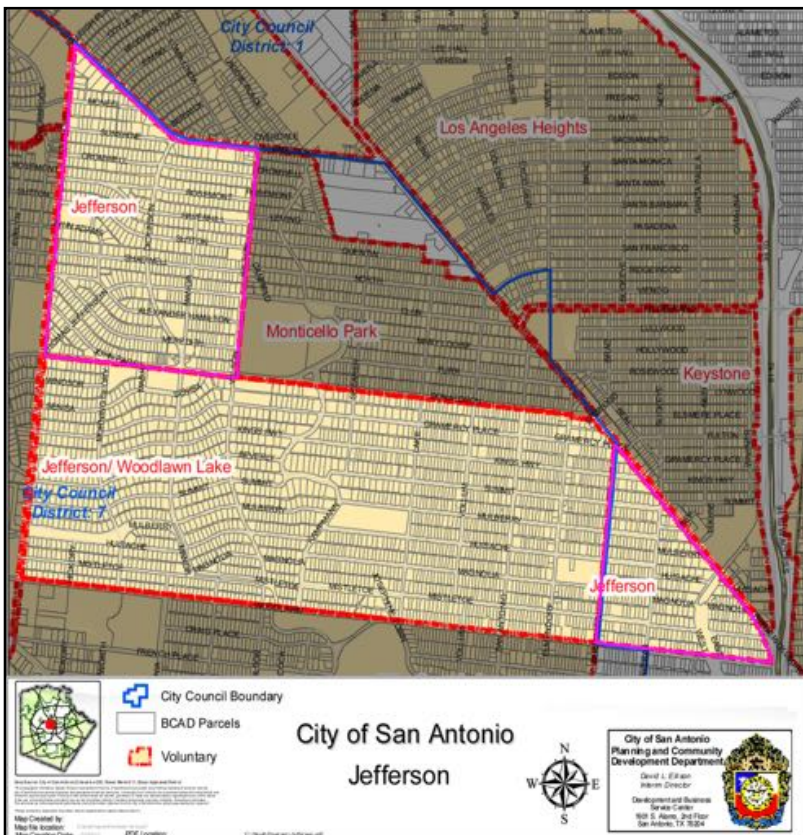
Just wanted to remind everyone that school starts today. Please watch for School Zones. Even if you're not driving in a school zone, please **REDUCE** your speed below the posted speed! limit in neighborhoods. Kids will be walking to school through the neighborhoods, and we don't want to see them get hurt. The Traffic Unit will be monitoring school zones and areas around schools and will be writing tickets (not warnings!). In addition, traffic will be heavier, so please make plans to leave earlier for work. Please help keep our kids safe!



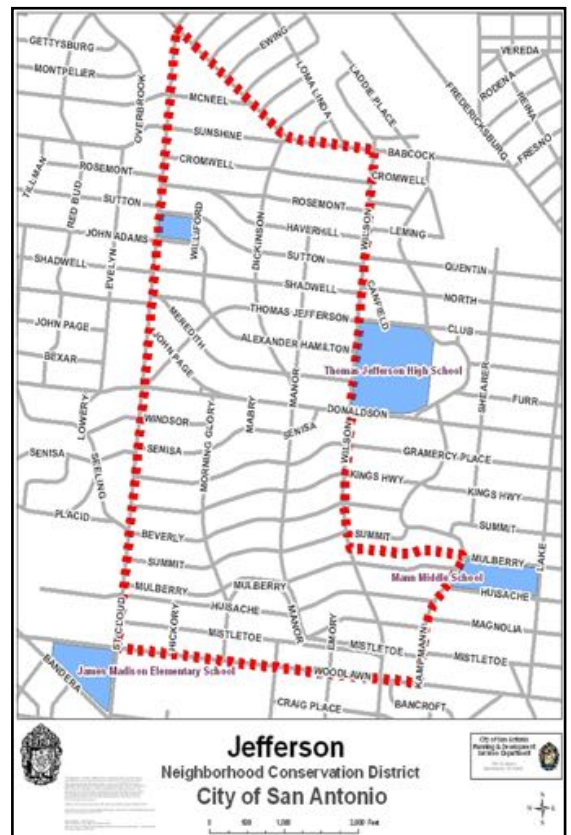
The Jefferson Neighborhood Association thanks the Jefferson United Methodist Church for the use of Jackson Hall for our meetings! For more info: www.jeffumcsa.org



Jefferson Neighborhood Association Boundaries



Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District Boundaries



Download a copy of the Jefferson Neighborhood Conservation District document at: sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NCD7_Jefferson.pdf
 Download a copy of the Near Northwest Community Plan at: sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Planning/NPUD/NearNorthwestCP_2002.pdf

The JNA Needs Your Support

Dues are accepted year round. They support our scholarship program and help pay for our monthly newsletter. Memberships expire at the end of August each year.

Jefferson Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name _____ Birthday (mo/day) _____

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Dues:

☐ \$10 per year for an individual

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☐ I would like to receive updates and news through my e-mail address

☐ I would like to volunteer _____

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Calendar year is September to August
For business memberships see page 3

Cut out and mail form to:
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