PSNA Board Meeting Notes
September 10, 2025

Call to Order

- Marnie Schnabel called to order the regular meeting of Park Santiago Neighborhood Association at 6:48pm on September 10, 2025 in the Lawn Bowling Center

Roll Call

- Marnie Schnabel – present
- Mary Maduena – present
- Alyssa Compton - present
- David Slaton – present
- Deborah Hicks – missing
- Antonio Sears – missing
- Genelle Johnson – present
- Christine Denny-Helvig – present
- Silvia Posada – present
- Collin Dunner – present
- Bernie Dickson – excused
- Megan Klempa – present

Approval of Minutes

- Previous minutes approved

Guest Speaker

- Centennial came to speak on the Main Place Mall updates
- Nordstrom & parking torn down and will be replaced by apartments along Main Street with an outdoor entertainment center between the mall and the apartments
- The interior hallways are being updated
- No Kidzania as the company isn't expanding
- The parking areas north of Macy's and JCPenney can't be developed as per the lease agreements with those stores
- Apartments that were built on the South end along Interstate 5 are very successful and Panini Grill has seen a 15% increase in business.
- A hotel or mixed-use might be built on the West side of the property in the future

Open Business

- COMMLINK Update
    - Mary presented street car – 3-4 months it will be coming. Free rides at the beginning
- Welcome Baskets (Mary)
    - Delivered 8 baskets in August alone. Currently there are seven house sold in August/Sept

    - Chocolate, wine, acupuncture gift card included in the baskets to meet budget requirements
        - Gift cards removed as it was getting too expensive
    - Two volunteers to speak with Mary about assisting with basket delivery and building
- New watch commander for the area – Frank Gutierrez
    - Dale has the number to share
- City is going to be applying for drones to assist with police situations
    - Only city in the county of Orange without a drone program
- New Park Czar – David Slaton
    - Walk through on Aug 12; finishing up Phase 2 of West End of playground area; complete by EOM
    - Recognized that we want shade in the playground, bigger play than just getting shade in our park; need budget
    - New project: Improve the path from southside of creek (currently dirt), create a bridge across from the creek (needs to be ADA compliant to use the grant funding), as well as the pathway to Lincoln St entrance to Santiago St bridge
    - Repair and improve the wall between the neighborhood and restrooms to decrease people entering illegally; already in the works
    - Design and bid process underway
    - Conversation of potential dog park eventually
    - Parks commission that meets monthly; any ideas/concerns bring to David
- Shade Sail Quote (Marnie)
    - To cover our playground, $75k-$85k (material, labor, install, permits)
    - To cover the slide is $50-$60k
    - Will reach out to Suzy at Parks & Rec to look into
- Website Sponsorship Available
    - Go to website for more information
- Street Signs
    - Public works has all 22 signs. On standby to install
    - Locations available with Marnie
    - Do we need a formal ribbon cutting?
        - Consensus: No
- Neighborhood Watch
    - November 12 meeting with police to coordinate
        - Will add to the PSNA meeting agenda
- Fundraising Opportunities
    - Bonfire to purchase apparel
    - Donation Match for companies to go onto (Knotts, Chipotle)
    - Food 4 Less/Ralph's – still troubleshooting; need to use Ralph's card

New Business

- Treasure's Report
    - July – $857 deposits; withdrawals for signage; ended July under $11k
    - August - $8k in deposits; $5k in withdrawal (street signs, lawn bowling rentals, welcome baskets, 4th of July, other payments); ending August with $14,315
    - 4th of July Donation $500 from Phil Bacera coming
    - Grill & Groove – total revenue: $7000; Expenses: under $5k; net $2706
- Events
    - Progressive Dinner – Sold out in 3.5 weeks; 94 people coming
        - 36% new attendees
        - Sold about $3800 in tickets
        - Difficult to get homes to volunteer, but made it happen this year
    - Hallow's Stroll - Sunday, Oct 26
        - 5pm-7pm
        - Need one more home to host
        - $150 for a table, drinks, treat from PNSA
    - Chili Cook Off
        - Not happening this year, but will look to do next year
- For any event idea(s) going forward, there is a sheet to fill out
    - Once sheet is complete, it will be brought to the board to be voted on
    - Marnie/Alyssa will help with City communications/permitting; streamlining point of contact with City for ease
- Communications
    - Social media is up and running (minus IG)
    - Working to get the website mobile friendly
    - Will add a monthly newsletter with schedule of events, PSNA meeting reminders, etc
    - Any neighborhood related news, please send to Rupert
- Park Clean-up
    - Monthly park clean up with Jessie Lopez
        - Saturday, Sept 27 9am-12pm
- Food Drive
    - November 16-23
    - Silvia, Mary, Suzanne volunteered to have collection boxes
    - Alyssa to connect with Pastor John to hosting another box
- Speakers for November PSNA meeting – complete
- A-Frame sandwich boards are being thrown away
- Zoning Code Workshops

    - Sept 23, Oct 4
- Coffee with the Mayor
    - Sept 20 10am-12pm at McDonalds on 17th Street

Adjournment of Meeting

- Marnie adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm