

## The Grogan's Mill Village Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, 6:00 p.m. CST

*The Woodlands Township Building*

2801 Technology Forest Blvd, The Woodlands, TX 77381

<u>Board Member (Even Year)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Board Member (Odd Year)</u>	<u>Present</u>
Director Bella Cruz	X	Director Sara Bissig	X
Director Mitzi Fredrick	X	Director Lore Breitmeyer-Jones	X
Director Neil Gaynor	X	Director Wes Cordova	
Director Pat Goodpastor		Director Bruce Cunningham	
Director Sommer Hausman		Vice President Vince Fredrick	X
Past President Emily Hoppel	X	President Aaron Hoffstadter	X
Secretary Kelly Lewis	X	Director Holly Willig	X
Treasurer Adrian Lopez	X		

Topic	Discussion
<b>Call To Order</b>	President Hoffstadter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
<b>Resident Comments</b>	
<b>TWT</b>	<p>Chair Snyder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$75.7m in sales tax revenue in 2023, 7.6% higher than 2022, highest since inception of TWT.</li> <li>• Hotel tax \$9.9 mil in 2023 - \$1.1m higher than 2022.</li> <li>• Beverage tax which began in October - \$107K in Q4, projected to be \$1.3-\$1.4m in 2024.</li> <li>• 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary</li> <li>• Arbor Day Sat at Rob Fleming Park – 47<sup>th</sup> yr.</li> </ul>
<b>Sheriff's Report – Deputy Specialist Carlos Tavarez</b>	<p>Updated the board on December stats.</p> <p>Vice President Fredrick gave compliments to the Sheriff's office on the Vacation Watch program.</p> <p>Provided information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autism Awareness Initiative</li> <li>• Montgomery County Sheriff's Office app available to download in the App Store and Google Play Store.</li> <li>• #9PM</li> <li>• Social Engineering Red Flags</li> <li>• Winterizing your irrigation system</li> <li>• Amber Card Program – being offered at The Woodlands Community Events</li> </ul>

<p><b>TWT Board Update Director Heiser</b></p>	<p>The Township implemented a new 311 system – live on the web, but app scheduled to go live by March. Website is being revamped, target EOY to be completed. Currently hiring lifeguards. GM completed projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamarac Dog Park lights.</li> <li>• Sawmill tennis courts – new fence.</li> <li>• Loggers’ Hollow pavilion rebuild.</li> <li>• Hickory Oak pathway bridge</li> </ul> <p>2024 projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N Millbend pathway connector</li> <li>• Sawmill Park playground improvement, pool heater replacement, tennis court resurfacing.</li> </ul> <p>Director Heiser will be sitting on the advisory Board for Parks and Rec.</p>
<p><b>The Woodlands Fire Dept – Chief Buck</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 calls for service from the freeze compared to 280 from 2021 – decline attributed to no loss of power.</li> <li>• 13,664 calls in 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 227 Fires</li> <li>○ 325 Hazmat</li> <li>○ &gt;8600 EMS calls</li> <li>○ Other service calls</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Good idea to turn off the water at the meter when leaving for vacation during the winter.</li> <li>• “Turn Around Don’t Drown” – do not drive through water that has ponded on the roads due to rain.</li> <li>• Burn only hardwoods in your woodburning fire place and remember to open your flue.</li> <li>• Encouraged all residents to remove/dispose of old Christmas trees.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Interfaith of The Woodlands – President and CEO Missy Herndon</b></p>	<p>Thanked the GMVA for our \$5000 donation. Served over 10k individuals in Nov and Dec. Celebrating 50-year anniversary of the organization this year.</p> <p>Reviewed the scope/variety of services offered.</p> <p>2023 Stats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 85K served.</li> <li>• 25K through food pantry.</li> <li>• 2023 Senior Services stats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Congregate meal – 60-100 seniors daily</li> <li>○ 1722 senior rides</li> <li>○ 22189 service contacts</li> <li>○ 1887 seniors received.</li> <li>○ 74 homes revitalized.</li> <li>○ 5363 seniors attended activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Disaster Assistance: Interfaith is the donations manager for the County in case of disaster, working very closely with the Office of Emergency Management.</p> <p>Interfaith Child Development Center – 48 years, first preschool in TW, support 18mo-kindergarden.</p> <p>Veggie Village harvest nearly 5000 lbs. of produce each year – distributed through food pantry.</p> <p>Interfaith Community Clinic, operates as a separate non-profit, serves over 6000 uninsured patients each year.</p> <p>Workforce services (Workforce Solutions) offers resources to folks looking to improve their employment situation, vocational training, etc.</p> <p>Future plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of food pantry</li> <li>• Expanded senior services featuring activities for next gen seniors.</li> <li>• Resources &amp; support for neuro-diverse</li> <li>• Increased opportunities for community education</li> </ul> <p>All proceeds from <a href="#">The Woodlands Style</a> support Interfaith.</p>
<b>Program Specialist Report – A. Miller</b>	<p>Arbor Day giveaways Saturday 9-12:00 Rob Fleming Park. Curb painting kits available, contact Abby. 2024 project 365 is “Set It, Don’t Forget It”: setting alarms, etc.</p>
<b>Special Presentations</b>	
<b>GMVA President’s Report</b>	<p>President Hoffstadter went over the RDRC and GMVA filings. Vice President Fredrick will attend the Election Committee meeting on Thursday in his absence. Working with Secretary Lewis to complete an Ops Guide for the GMVA. Begin thinking about how we might want to allocate donations ahead of the 2024 planning meeting. 2022 funding – delayed because another village has requested retro pay but hasn’t yet submitted a request in writing. \$3,000 donation scheduled to Friends of the Library.</p>
<b>Review and Act on Minutes</b>	<p>Vice President Fredrick motioned to approve, seconded by Director Breitmeyer-Jones, all approved.</p>
<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	<p>Treasurer Lopez noted our bookkeeper filed our 2022 taxes. 2022 penalty was paid.</p>

<b>Committee Reports</b>	
<b>Adopt-A-Path</b>	Vice President Fredrick noted that he and Director Fredrick did an Adopt-a-Path this past Saturday.
<b>TWFM</b>	President Hoffstadter mentioned the recent weather impact on the market. 21.1% ahead of budget last quarter. QTD: 23.3% ahead of PY. TWFM will meet ahead of the planning meeting to finalize TWFM 2024 budget.
<b>GM Village Center Liaison</b>	President Hoffstadter The Blue Lion Pub closed at the end of 2023. Tenants considering lease renewal options, which include commitments to using tenant investment dollars. HHC has not contracted GC for GMVC yet.
<b>GM Village Center Promo/Events</b>	Director Breitmeyer-Jones noted an idea to make a map of the village center, and other possible ideas to discuss with the committee.
<b>Communications</b>	Director Cruz will look into putting together a flier for upcoming Yard of the Month season.
<b>Scholarships</b>	Director Gaynor noted one scholarship application has been received thus far – being promoted on social media.
<b>School Liaison</b>	Director Hoppel stated Hailey has a carnival/raffle coming up. Director Cruz noted Lamar recognized the GMVA's donation on their signage.
<b>Yard of the Month</b>	Director Cruz had one nomination for December but was unable to contact them. Currently working on social media materials.
<b>Parks and Rec</b>	Treasurer Lopez stated no updates. Next meeting March 4.
<b>MUD</b>	Director Gaynor MUD 6 reauthorized the homestead and senior/disabled exemption. Vice President Fredrick noted MUD 36 also reauthorized. Draft audit for 2023 – net position, assets over liabilities, improved by \$114K. Encouraged everyone to sign up for Water Smart and Woodlands Water Weekly. Residents will get alerts for leaks detected. Engineering study for flood mitigation along Spring Creek continue but noted that proposed flood control dam in upper watershed may be impacted by commercial/residential development. Houston & Galveston Subsidence District studies for Spring Creek Watershed targeted to be completed in April.
<b>Woodlands Township</b>	Director Gaynor encouraged residents to sign up for the Environmental Services blog.

<b>Environmental Services Liaison</b>	Director Hoppel mentioned some proposed recycling initiatives for cigarette butts.
<b>RDRC/DSC Liaison</b>	Vice President Fredrick noted last meeting was an outlier in that all 7 requests were approved.
<b>TWT Board Meetings</b>	None.
<b>Additional Resident Comments</b>	Program Specialist Abby provided information to a resident on how to sign up for Neighborhood Watch.
<b>Additional GMVA Director's Comments</b>	<p>Director Hoppel expressed concerns regarding the safety of the N Millbend, Crossvine Circle intersection and pedestrians exiting the trailhead. The crosswalk was removed following recent legislative changes. Would like us to raise the issue with the County.</p> <p>Director Gaynor would like the board to consider looking into an endowment fund.</p> <p>Director Cruz suggested we seek resident stories as a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</p>
<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	Further discussion on creating endowment fund.
<b>Adjourn Meeting</b>	President Hoffstadter adjourned the meeting at 7:38.