New Playscapes Planned for Pillow

Minutes of the March 31, 1998, NSCNA Meeting

President Dallas Maham called the meeting to order and summarized the March 4, 1998, meeting of the steering committee as follows:

1. The association is in the process of becoming a nonprofit organization. The steering committee has recommended that the NSCNA hold only two membership meetings a year, in addition to the annual meeting in January, unless special issues make other meetings necessary.

2. The neighborhood garage sale had good participation among residents.

3. The NSCNA will receive $25,000 from Randy Ross/Town North as part of an agreement in which the association approved a change in zoning to allow automotive uses on the commercial parcels of the Lucas tract.

It was also noted that the zoning change will include an exclusion of any adult-oriented businesses and that the money will be invested until it can be used for traffic-calming devices. Because the city has indicated that it will need to study traffic patterns in pilot neighborhoods for the rest of this year, no action is anticipated until 1999.

There being no further NSCNA business, the membership then joined a Pillow Elementary School PTA meeting in progress for a report on the school's playground. PTA president Huddie Murray introduced Sandra Chipley, who is with the city's Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Chipley discussed the changes that are planned for the playground, which include removal of the existing playscapes and the construction of two new playscapes (one for schoolchildren and one for toddlers), two new swing sets (including one for toddlers), new curbing, new pea gravel, and a new water fountain. The renovations to the park will cost $97,000 and will be financed mainly through bond money allocated to Pillow. Construction is anticipated to begin in the fall.

Ms. Chipley then answered questions from members of the NSCNA and the PTA. The end of her presentation concluded the meeting of the neighborhood association.

Phyllis Milstead
Secretary