

## Amberwood Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2008 (Wednesday)  
Chapa Middle School, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

### Minutes of the Meeting

**Attendees:** Amberwood Residents (about 25)

Amberwood HOA Board Members-(Ray Bryant and Mike Rubsam),

### **Introduction:**

President Ray Bryant called the meeting to order just shortly after 6:30PM.

- **Refreshment Committee**
  - We were treated to homemade chicken & cheese quesadillas made by Scotty Montgomery and some yummy brownies that were donated by Joel Smith.
  - If you would like to assist with the food please contact Scotty Montgomery at [smontgomery@chipolte.com](mailto:smontgomery@chipolte.com) or (512) 698-7604.
  
- **Exit 217 Bridge Update**

Thanks to all who voted for the passing of the Road Bond (207 Million). Construction slated to start as early as May 2009. This will include the elimination of the “death trap” areas where the two-way traffic has to currently yield for the freeway traffic (by Beebe Road). The proposed plan will be 6 lanes (that is including the turn-arounds). There should be 2 phases to this construction. The Commissioners are still deciding if it’s going to be one engineer working on the whole project or multiple engineers.
  
- **Bunton Road**

There has historically cars running into a resident’s yard and property on Bunton Road. Apparently the house has been crashed into multiple times, due to the deteriorated condition of the road. Much to the relief of the homeowner, that area is finally going to be restriped and reflectors installed. Oddly enough this has been a constant problem but one which has been seemingly overlooked by the local government until now.
  
- **Supporting Our Military Neighbors**

Plans are currently under development to make sure we haven’t neglected the families of our neighbors currently serving over-seas in the military. The general consensus is we should stop by their home now & then and make sure they are doing ok. It is currently unknown exactly how many such families

we may have in our area. The VFW in Kyle is currently trying to determine a better count of the number of families, as well. Email Ray ([rbryant13@austin.rr.com](mailto:rbryant13@austin.rr.com)) if you know of any neighbors who have a family member(s) serving over-seas.

- **Houses Sold Update**

- Total Homes Sold = 604 homes
- Targeted Homes = 620 homes
- Homes left to sell= 16 homes left

- **Monarch Update**

- Our mediation over the rate increase is complete.
- Our increase will be far less than Monarch wanted.
- The other communities that Monarch oversees which were not legally represented in court will however see a fairly large increase in the price of their water.
- The exact figures and more information will be available for the public in January, 2009.

- **Bella Paloma Apartment Update (Apartments to be built in front of Amberwood)**

- Given the Economic downturn the project is slated to start around April/May 2009.

- **Self-Storage Update**

- Members of Amberwood have recently spoken up at City Hall and voiced opinions about proposed plans of the self-storage unit, in terms of aesthetics. Thank you Kay Rush for helping Amberwood's voice to be heard.

- **Committees**

Our committees are always looking for people to join.

- Social Committee- see Sandra Bryant ([sandra32@austin.rr.com](mailto:sandra32@austin.rr.com))
- Newsletter- see Sonny Tomayo ([jay2fair@msn.com](mailto:jay2fair@msn.com))
- Website- see Linda Freeman ([ladybfree04@gmail.com](mailto:ladybfree04@gmail.com)) & Peggy Farrell ([bluebelletx@yahoo.com](mailto:bluebelletx@yahoo.com))
- Safety- see Sly Bennett ([slybennett@gmail.com](mailto:slybennett@gmail.com)) Richard Vasquez ([richard.d.vasquez@us.army.mil](mailto:richard.d.vasquez@us.army.mil)) or Dwayne Ammerman ([Durango446@hotmail.com](mailto:Durango446@hotmail.com))
- Covenant- see Vicki Rubsam (295-4304)

Neighborhood Beautification- see Kay Rush ([kqsagebrush@aol.com](mailto:kqsagebrush@aol.com))

- Pool- see TBA
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- New Neighborhood Beautification chair announced (Kay Rush). Unfortunately Sara Ricke has stepped down from both committees Neighborhood Beautification Committee and Pool Committee) as she is moving. We will miss her. Thanks to

Sara for doing a great job and a thanks to Kay Rush for stepping up to the plate of the Neighborhood Beautification Committee (Pool Chair “To be Announced”).

- **Concerns from the Community**

- Some of the sidewalks have stop signs in the middle of them, blocking the way for strollers and wheelchairs. Please e-mail Ray if this affects your area ([rbryant52@gmail.com](mailto:rbryant52@gmail.com)).
- People are using pool parking lot to park person vehicles. Real Manage are aware of the situation but feel free to call them (Jodie Walker 492-6021).
- The trailer continuously parked on Amber Oak is also been reported to Real Manage.
- The eye-sore air conditioner hanging out the window has been removed.
- The pool furniture at the pool has FINALLY been collected and put in storage. There was apparently some sort of confusion/miscommunication on the part of Family Swim Gym. If we as a group find Family Swim Gym to be sub-standard, please make Real Manage aware of this.
- If there is a particular house or area that is in need of cleanup, please make Real Manage aware of this.

- **Guest Speakers: LOWE’s**

We had several of the managers from the new Lowe’s as guest speakers elaborate on the new store and also answered questions. The new Manager of Lowes is Julio Gonzalez. Thanks also to his department managers (George, Chuck, Mike, Ron and Michael) for their presentation.

- They are making an effort to hire locally by advertising to schools and posting their jobs with the Texas Workforce Commission. They have already hired many people and plan to hire 30-40 more people. Please see [www.lowes.com/careers](http://www.lowes.com/careers) for more information. Please note the website has sound.
- They promise to be receptive to inquiries and needs of the public and will have people in place to locate the items we can’t find.
- The main floor sales area will be 10,000 ft .
- The garden center will be slightly smaller than the San Marcos store, but will feature Donald, a full-time horticulturalist, and also Tim, president of the Kyle Garden Club, part time.
- The store should be open late January/early February 2009. The parking lot is not done yet.
- Prices should be the same as other Lowe’s stores in the area. They will also match and beat competitor’s price by 10%.
- They also contribute to the community with their Tool Box for Education grants. If you are interested in having them contribute to the Bobcat Bonanza please contact one of the stores.

- **The Drawing**

- Ed Brown won dinner for 2 at Texas Roadhouse and Joel Smith won tickets for 4 rounds of golf.

**Next meeting: Wednesday January 21, 2009 6:30 p.m. Chapa Middle School will feature Representatives from Kohl's and an update on Monarch.**