

## **Council Comments.....**

Yesterday was quite a day in the Bay. The Lord kicked off the day with a several hour spring shower to, as Reverend Johnny says, replenish the earth with moisture. Those preachers certainly have a way with words.

The first entry on yesterday's calendar was the opening of the Bay West Boulevard Bridge. While the rains were falling, it did not dampen the spirits of the 30 to 40 folks who turned out for the event. The bridge builders Bob Nolen and Dean Blaine were there along with council folks, past and present. The Blue Ground contingent, in their baby blue attire and Bloody Marys in hand added a festive note to the affair. Following a ribbon-cutting, yours truly with the real scissors, former council lady Claudia and I drove Becky's red Mustang convertible across the bridge to waves and cheers. The top was down, it was raining, but all was well with the opening of the new bridge. Stone work on the bridge façade and street improvements on Bay West up to 2147 remains to be completed, but the bridge is open.

Following a quick trip to the Church at Horseshoe Bay for a trustee meeting, it was back to City Hall for a four hour meeting of the Council and our P & Z committee to discuss new development plans for Summit Rock. Obviously, lots and lots of discussion about the new and varied land uses (estates, villas, homesteads, cabins, cottages, etc, etc). This is a major departure from the previous plan in that the Developers will have a myriad of different footprints (lots) and home designs to market. By the by, for those unaware of who the current developers are, the Resort owns 75.1% of the land development, IBC Bank, the remaining 24.9%. The Resort owns the golf course in its entirety. Plans for entry ways, gated communities and amenities were laid out, as was the potential for a large commercial development on Hwy 71. While commercial development along 2147 would follow HSB tradition of smaller commercial ventures, the Hiway 71 project could include medical facilities, assisted living, restaurants, theaters or office facilities. All in all, a well thought out, impressive plan for the future of Summit Rock.

This project and its success will be very important to the future of our city. It isn't going to happen in a month, a year or a decade, but it will begin its journey shortly and hopefully progress at a sustaining rate. Ron Mitchell and Brady Oman laid out the plans and made several changes as recommended by the Council and the P & Z Commission (Jerry Gray, Sharon Hull and Norm Long). Much work has gone into these plans and much reviewing needs to be done. As usual, a work in progress.

The Council meeting that followed was a bit anti-climatic as it concluded in 28 minutes. But short or long, the business of the Bay was conducted.

Reverend Johnny prayed and we pledged. Drew Crosby was there to recap the Spring Fling. Drew said the event drew (a pun) 300 attendees to Martin Park for fun, food and frolic. This month's meeting of the Business Alliance will be at City Hall at 9 a.m. on May 30. It will be sponsored by Will Howard's Golf Mercado and our brand new bank, Grand Bank of Texas. Steve Smith's new enterprise is currently doing business in the 7-11 building on Ferguson Road.

Public comments included kudos for the bridge from Applehead Island folks. Also Bill Wines dropped by to threaten the City Council with some sort of legal action if any airport discussion comes up while he's out of town this summer.

Chief Bill then introduced Rocky Wardlow as the Bay's new Assistant Chief replacing Glen French. Rocky's been investigating in the Bay for two years following 30 in the DPS and Texas Rangers. Way to go Rocky. Rocky then introduced Jim Denman as his replacement as Sergeant/Investigator. Jim is also a former Ranger and brings much experience and expertise to our City. Welcome Jim. "Bad Guys Beware!"

Manager Stan reported that the street improvement bid package for all streets north 2147 and east of Ferguson Road will go out soon. The Fault Line package will experience a brief delay. The two dilapidated mobile homes recently discussed have now been demolished. And did I mention the Bridge is open?

The Council voted 5-0 to move \$25,000 from contingency to the cedar/dead tree removal account and will discuss significant funds for this activity at the July budget workshop. Another work in progress.

Following several 5-0 replat and variance votes, the Council 5-0 adjourned. A productive day. Did I mention – the Bridge is open? Have a good one.

Your scribe,

Jeff Robinson