

GOVERNMENT HILL ALLIANCE

President's Message

May/June 2016

Welcome.....to all of our new neighbors who have moved into our neighborhood. The Pearl Brewery has really given our neighborhood a huge boost. Government Hill is a great place to live and a great place to raise a family. As I wrap up my first year as your elected president, it has been quite an interesting journey. The responsibilities are high! The amount of meetings attended, time invested in events, and projects have been worth the effort. The Board's main priority is our residents of Government Hill not the position nor the power, but the people in whom we serve.

Government Hill Alliance was established in August of 1988. We will be celebrating 28 years of the existence of our neighborhood association and the dedicated service that has been provided to the community. The Government Hill Alliance's first President was Richard Alcoser, followed by George Stout. Mrs. Florence Alcoser took over as president for 10 years. We are indebted to her for her vision and hard work on behalf of GHA. As your president, I will endeavor to respect that legacy and keep that same momentum going.

We have developers who are going to be building within the next year in Government Hill. We must keep an open mind toward new developments and infrastructure improvements. But at the same time, we have to make sure that any new development that occurs in the historic district or any other areas of Government Hill fit into our neighborhood's master plan of 2010.

If you see a yellow sign from the City of San Antonio in front of a business or home, it is because the owner is requesting a zoning change. If you see a white and brown sign, it is because this business or residence is in the historic district and is requesting a historic approval change. When this occurs, the City of San Antonio - Zoning Department or the Historic Preservation Department notifies GHA. I am attending all zoning and historic hearings. Why? Because there are times we have to either support or not support a project. We are looking out for your interests, whether you are new to The Hill or one of our senior citizens that have lived here for decades.

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The 2017 bond election is around the corner. We have already submitted our requests to District 2 Councilman Alan Warrick for new sidewalks, new street repairs on Mason and Carson Streets, the completion of speed bumps on Mason street and better street lighting in general areas. The only project that the City of San Antonio—Capital Improvement Department is working on at this time is in Area 3 on Shirley street between Hood and Carson street on the eastern side of N. New Braunfels. They will be reconstructing the entire street, sidewalks and new lighting. A public hearing will be announced soon regarding this project.

The Government Hill Alliance bylaws were adopted in 2007. There are some changes that need to be amended. We will be bringing forth this information to the June 2016 general meeting for a vote.

The board and I have worked hard to build a solid foundation of communication with those listed as follows. We would like to thank the following guests who have taken time out of their busy schedules to attend our general meetings: The City of San Antonio Officials, Eastside Promise Neighborhood and staff, County Commissioner Tommy Calvert-Precinct 4, Senator Jose Melendez-District 26, Chief of Police William McManus, SAFFE officer Christopher Winer, City Code Compliance officers: Joshua Martinez and Leticia Villarreal, Councilman Alan Warwick, District 2, and staff, church leaders and business owners. We could not have succeed in keeping our neighborhood clean without the help of our Dial-A-Trailer events made possible by Department of Solid Waste, with special appreciation to employees Robert Ortiz, Trinidad Torres and Lawrence Sandoval.

I have developed a working relationship and a bond of friendship with other neighborhood presidents of adjacent neighborhood associations such as Dignowity Hill, Coliseum Oaks, Denver Heights, Harvard Place and others. We have many things in common between our communities and we, undoubtedly, will have future opportunities to unite in common purpose.

Our Master Plan is up for review and update. We will be asking for input from Government Hill resident's as soon as we are notified by the City of San Antonio.

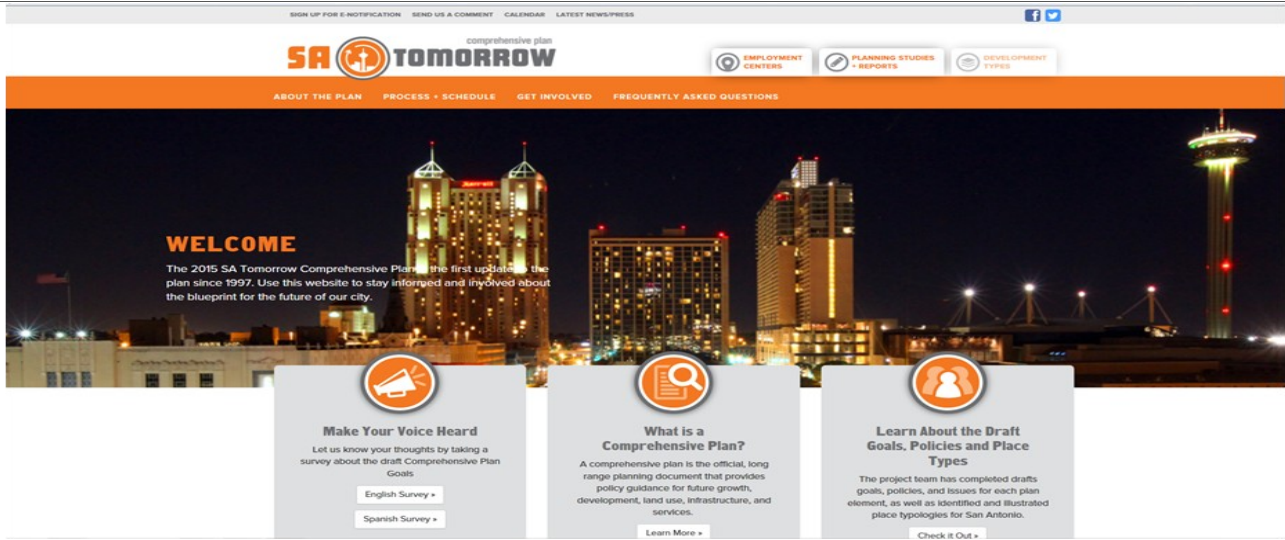
The scheduled general meeting for May 24, 2016, has been canceled due to Board members did not vote in May. We have rescheduled the general meeting to Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 6:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church Hall. We hope to have all the work completed by this date.

The board and I will continue to strive for the betterment of this neighborhood. Thank you for being a member of GHA. Invite your neighbors to join.

Thank you,

Rose Hill, Government Hill Alliance President

SA Tomorrow – Comprehensive Plan



The City of San Antonio’s Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) is developing the City’s first modern Comprehensive Plan to implement the SA2020 report, a strategic vision for the city that identifies the community’s desire to support economic development and new jobs while fostering community arts, education, health and culture.

The Office of Historic Preservation



Just a Reminder...

As we live in a historic district, it is important to consult with the city's historic preservation representative prior to making any changes to the exterior of your home. This ensures the work conforms to the guidelines for the Historic District. It is also necessary to display a permit that shows the work has been approved.

The Office of Historic Preservation, City of San Antonio, www.sanantonio.gov/historic

Physical Address

Development and Business Services Center
1901 S. Alamo
San Antonio, TX 78204

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210.215.9274

Hours:
Monday to Friday, 7:45am - 4:30pm

Newsletter

Not receiving a newsletter? Let us know!

The GHA newsletter is graciously delivered to you by volunteers. If you can find the time to help, please contact Rose Hill by phone at (210) 420-4320 or by email at governmenthill@mail.com

Each issue contains articles about recent and upcoming events, information about issues affecting the neighborhood, and will soon offer advertisements opportunities from local businesses.

Loose Dogs

The City of San Antonio restrictions require pets be restrained at all times. If you have dogs, keep your gates closed and keep your fences in good repair. You know your pet’s personality, but joggers, bike riders and folks taking a walk don’t.

City of San Antonio Code:

Regulating the Care and Control of Animals
<http://www.sanantonio.gov/animalcare/healthcode.asp>

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Summer Throwdown (3 on 3 Basketball Tournament)**
Saturday, June 4th at Lockwood Park 823 N. Olive St.

- ◆ **Dial-A-Trailer:**
Saturday, July 16th from 8:00 AM to Noon – N. Hackberry & IH35
Saturday, October 15th from 8:00 AM to Noon – Frank St. & IH 35

- ◆ **GHA General Meeting:**
Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 PM – St. Patrick’s Community Center

- ◆ **The SAGE Choice façade Improvement Grant Program can provide grants of up to \$25,000 for projects at your business.**

Deadlines:	Presentation Dates:
June 3, 2016 at Noon	June 7, 2016
August 5, 2016 at Noon	August 9, 2016

- ◆ **If you are looking for employment and you have experience in construction, attend a job orientation for the Wheatley Courts Redevelopment Project.**
Occurs every Tuesday at Ella Austin Community Center – 1023 N. Pine St.

- ◆ **Eastside Developer Open House**
Tuesday, June 14th at 12:30 PM – Alamo Beer Co. 202 Lamar St.

- ◆ **Sign-up at Council.District2@sanantonio.gov for District 2 Events Calendar**

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Is It Time To Pay My GHA Dues?

If you don't know if you are up-to-date on your dues, please call us. We will tell you if your membership is due.

Mail your check to:

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Contact Marie Stout at

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