

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ted Trakas

Annual Meeting. We held our annual VJ neighborhood association meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22th, 2007, Colonies House, 3511 Colony Drive. District 8 Councilwoman Diane Cibrian was our guest speaker, and she spoke about a number of initiatives she was making in the district, as reported in the next 3 items.

Boobie Rock. As you have no doubt seen in the Express-News or heard on the radio, Judge David Peebles ruled against Boobie Rock, sighting that the strip club would violate covenants on the property. The attorneys for Boobie Rock have the right to take the case to the 4th Court of Appeals.

Tree Planting. City Council passed a tree planting ordinance on January 31 that uses monies that developers pay to the City to offset removal of trees. Prior to this initiative, these monies were gathering dust somewhere in the City's accounting system. (For details, see the separate article in this issue.) Congratulations to Councilwoman Cibrian, who was the main force behind the ordinance. I think Councilwoman Lourdes Galvan had the quote of the day at the council meeting when she thank Cibrian for "not only having a good idea but finding the pot of gold to pay for it".

4118 Honeycomb Drive. Under D8 auspices, VJ and Honeycomb Condo associations reached an agreement with Chris Pettit on the re-zoning of the property at 4118 Honeycomb Drive. Details about this agreement are contained in an article you will find in this issue.

11043 Vance Jackson. Nothing significant to report.

3235 Rock Creek Run. It would be hard for me to summarize what is involved with the group home on Rock Creek Run so I have written a separate article. If you like happy endings, I suggest you do not read it.

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