Hemisfair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes
June 5th, 2026
8:30am-10:00am

Board Members in Attendance:
Cara DeAnda, Chair
Corina Castillo-Johnson, Vice Chair
Steve Yndo, Treasurer
Francisco Gonima, Secretary
Lucio Cantu
Nicola Blaque
Lara August
Shanon Shea Miller
Juan Landa
Olivia Ortiz

Board Members Not Present:
Ben Gorzell
Sue Ann Pemberton

Staff Members in Attendance:
Melissa Robinson
Danielle Reyes
Krystina Sibley
Lauren Leija
Jane Linde

Other Guests & Visitors:
Susan Thompson, Hemisfair Conservancy
Melanie Goebel, Golden Steves
Amir Samandi

A. Call to Order
Ms. DeAnda called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

B. Citizens to be Heard.
There were none.

C. Approval of March 6th Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Yndo made a motion to approve, and Mr. Cantu seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. CEO Report

Ms. Robinson welcomed and introduced Ms. Ortiz as the newest board member, making the HPARC board fully appointed. Introductions were made around the room. Hemisfair's Bond package was submitted on May 1st, requesting 37 million dollars for Tower Park separated into the categories Park space, structures, and E Nueva Street extension. HPARC will be advocating for inclusion in the bond with City Council.

E. Board Committee Updates

Executive- HPARC is renewing its quarterly stakeholder meetings and a monthly newsletter to keep various community stakeholders informed.

External Relations- Hemisfair has had many media placements covering the South Alamo street opening, La Semana, and the newest tenant, Mural Ride. Ms. Sibley shared some social media analytics,

highlighting the organic growth of the accounts. Hemisfair has launched a summer music series, Summer Setlist, and has Pirate Play as the upcoming Super Fun Saturday theme.

Upcoming events will benefit from the new City "free Thursday" parking. Major Events such as Spurs Pep Rallies, SA Asian Festival, and the MS Walk have drawn large attendance numbers. Hemisfair will host a July 4th event for the first time in over a decade.

Operations has been working on several improvements to Yanaguana Garden including new furniture and pavers at The Perch, a new water pump at the sand play area, a fossil piece added to sand play, a new spinner piece, mosaic repairs, multiple plantings, and updates to the restrooms.

Finance- Surface parking revenue has been down but should recover with the opening of S Alamo St. FY27 Budget Kickoff scheduled in June.

Planning and Development- Improvements to Tower Park are beginning late summer with special focus on the area around the Sports Court. The bond package was submitted under three categories: Tower Park, Historic Preservation, and E Nueva Extension.

F. Executive Session

Hemisfair may meet in executive session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of certain real properties; personnel matters; or pending litigation.

The board entered Executive Session at 9:51am.

G. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the D2 Parcel Development

The meeting adjourned at 10:34am.