## **Mock Board Meeting**

# Pleasant Valley & River Road Revitalization Group

## PVRRNRG.COM - 806-678-6150

WHEN: May 27th, 2025

TIME: at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Pleasant Valley Methodist Church – 316 Valley Dr.

Amarillo, TX 79108

**Opening Prayer** 

Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Pledge of Allegiance:

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

Guest Speaker: Mr. Dan Rogers (GOP Precinct Chair)

- 1) How to engage with city council-
  - Give them Ideas
  - Don't be angry
  - Meet one on one
  - Present Solutions
  - Remember they want to help
- 2) Pros and Cons of becoming a 501c3

#### Cons-

- Harder to get concensus
- Regulations
- Not always necessary for your goals

#### Pros-

- Makes you eligible for City funds
- Makes you eligible for State funds
- Makes you eligible for Federal funds
- Required for offical recognition from City of Amarillo

- Tax Exempt
- Kimbra pointed out that Amarillo Area Foundation offers workshops to write grants and run board meetings. Both things Barrio and North Heights have successfully done

#### 3) What is a GOP Precinct Chair?

- Designed to run primaries and be a liason between the voter and candidates
- Precinct Chairs help determine the party platform by suggesting legislation
- Takes care of party business
- Has a database with contacts and can contact people about events
- Represents 5000 people
- Our Precinct Seat is empty. Election is September 8<sup>th</sup>. Unopposed runners are automatically named to the seat.

#### 4) Advice and Thoughts-

- Organized groups tend to win by getting their message out
- The city council works as a liason between the voter and the city manager
- Drainage Fees should be called a Rain Tax
- Democrats and Republicans want the same thing, a government that functions and represents us all
- Profitters are using the government to get rich
- In a vaccum, decisions are made by those present. If you don't show up and make your position known, those with monied interests will prevail. You have to show up to council meetings to be heard. You must engage to affect real change.

We closed with Ron McNabb sharing some of the work he has done to learn what we must do to get historical markers and what he will do in pursuit of this.

Hope McCoy asked each of us to come up with some questions for the Major next week.

### Thank you to Pleasant Valley Methodist Church!