

RCSCTX JUNE 25TH GENERAL DINNER MEETING 6:00 PM TEXAS DRIVE BALLROOM

1. The President of the Republican Club called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
 - Establishment of a quorum was conducted.
 - Attending Executive Board members: Peter Juhasz, Chris Alexander, Doreen Oswaks, Rodger Soelder, Dixsie Noble, Anne Marshall.
 - Other Board members attending: Ray Brunner, Sally Ketterer, Connie Graves.
 - Absent Board members Terry Soll, Laura Klein Plunkett.
2. Opening remarks provided by President Juhasz centered on rejecting socialist in the current elections, lack of July 4th celebrations in survey, and the need for civic participation in the upcoming November elections. It was noted of the recent Supreme Court favorable decision on immigration and a desire for birthright citizenship to be overturned.
3. President Juhasz introduced Walt Russell to deliver an invocation emphasizing unity, vigilance, and gratitude to those who sacrificed for the nation.
4. President Juhasz introduced John Gard to lead the Pledges of the US and Texas flags.
5. “God Bless American” was sung by the membership.
6. President Juhasz announced the speaker, Kevin Pitts, Mayor Pro Tem from the City of Georgetown.
7. President Juhasz invited elected officials and candidates to come forward and introduce themselves.
8. President Juhasz recognized Dixsie Noble to conduct call to dinner at 6:15 PM.
9. President Juhasz resumed the meeting at 7:00PM, recognizing Chris Alexander to introduce the speaker, Kevin Pitts.
10. Mayor Pro Tem, Pitts, detailed his role and responsibilities within the city council.
 - Presides over council meeting.
 - Acts as mayor in the mayor’s absence.
 - Helps guide council priorities.
11. Mr. Pitts provided an overview of multiple city initiatives and updates.
 - Focused on downtown Georgetown including the Austin Avenue corridor.
 - New parking garage near tax office and Grace Heritage Church with ground-level retail; 488 spaces construction next year.
 - Texas Municipal League headquarters relocation from Austin to Georgetown.
 - Williamson County facility transitions: city supports moving jail; tax office relocated.
 - Georgetown bridge construction issues and revised timeline

- ADA-compliant 2nd pedestrian bridge planned to start construction Spring 2027.
- Intersection redesigns at University/SH29 and Austin Avenue to improve traffic flow.
- Square-area 7th and 8th street conversions to one-way, Square area parking removal with leveled sidewalks for outdoor dining/retail.

12. Questions from the membership involved water distribution, reclamation water facilities, new homes construction off Ronald Reagan Blvd., Williams drive traffic, new high school on DB Woods Drive, local businesses suffering.

- Many new housing areas west of Ronald Reagan and along SH29 lie outside city limits.
- The city cannot broadly restrict construction, especially outside its limits; developers can form Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) to self-fund infrastructure. (they can build their own water/wastewater infrastructure and residents pay higher tax rates; four times the city's rate)
- MUD residents use city amenities (streets, parks, libraries) without paying city property taxes to support them.
- When MUDs form within the city's ETJ (Note: Extraterritorial Jurisdiction-unincorporated buffer zone established by 1963 Texas Municipal Annexation Act,) the city can consent with conditions, impose a master developer fee, and craft restrictions to mitigate impacts. (Note: Residents living in an ETJ reside in County territory; because they fall outside the city limits, they do not pay city property taxes, but they also do not get to vote in municipal elections.)
- Developers pay impact fees, water impact fees on the front end, which is regulated by the State legislature who changed the law limiting the city to increase fees.
- Construction of median from I-35 to Lakeway Drive will limit driveway access and will get underway; then to Jim Hogg Lane needs bond to complete.
- Situation of the concern for decking issues due to uneven concrete pours, resulting in a lumpy surface and weight bearing on the new Georgetown bridge to be redone at the builder's expense (although they could sue the city for engineering faults) projected to complete April 2027.
- Water treatment plant construction is complete, enough to handle flow.
- More development of commercial businesses is needed to compete with Wolf Ranch, the only current retail area.

- Valerie Convey, Commissioner District 3, explained that the new high school is zoned for the west side with plans to extend the Southwest Bypass north through the school properties to separate the traffic.
- Converting lawns to native plants will help limit need for water usage.
- City plans to send water to Lake Granger, where it will be treated and piped back to Georgetown.

13. President Juhasz thanked Mr. Pitts for being in the “hot seat” of city information and called upon the Board’s officers for their reports.

14. Membership Report-Doreen Oswaks

- Due to limited time, it was explained that Information is provided in the RCSCTX newsletter monthly, which is delivered to each member by email or can be found on the RCSCTX.COM website.
- Anyone who is not receiving that info should email the club.
- Thirteen non-members attended the meeting.
- Thirty-two members did not show up to the meeting, with seven cancelling ahead, and we thank those.
- We have ten new members shown on the screen with another member joining at the meeting, Joy Merkli.

15. Treasurer’s Report-Rodger Soelder

- Dues income of \$120.
- Total income: \$5330.
- Expenses included catering: \$5305.50
- Beverages: \$286.66
- Meal supplies: \$181.54
- Room rental expense Maynard Presentation: \$99.97
- Statement balance: \$17,298.42

16. Programs-Chris Alexander

- Next meeting is July 23rd at The Retreat due to Ballroom renovation
- Limited seating 220.
- Tickets go on sale on July 2nd at 9:00 AM.
- Speaker: Sal Martinez, former DEA agent and author.

17. President Juhasz provided closing remarks.

- Mulligan’s Social Event: Tuesday, July 14th, 5:00-6:30 PM.
- Golf cart parage: July 4th, meet at Cowan Creek, 9:00 AM, depart 10:00 AM; decorations only, no signs.
- Members were invited to take a photo with Mr. Pitts\
- A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed at 7:40 PM.