

MINUTES

Of The

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

December 5, 2000

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:35 a.m. on December 5, 2000, a SPECIAL SESSION of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following members being present, to-wit:

ABSENT.....JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge
 MICHAEL L. HEILIGENSTEIN, Commissioner, Precinct 1
 GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT, Commissioner, Precinct 2
 DAVID HAYS, Commissioner, Precinct 3
 FRANKIE LIMMER, Commissioner, Precinct 4
 EUGENE D. TAYLOR, County Attorney
 NANCY E. RISTER, County Clerk
 DAVID U. FLORES, County Auditor

AGENDA ITEM 1

Hear any interested person and consider forming the next agenda or adding items to today's agenda.

Kenneth Snyder of Northridge Acres Subdivision spoke about water and wastewater concerns in the subdivision.

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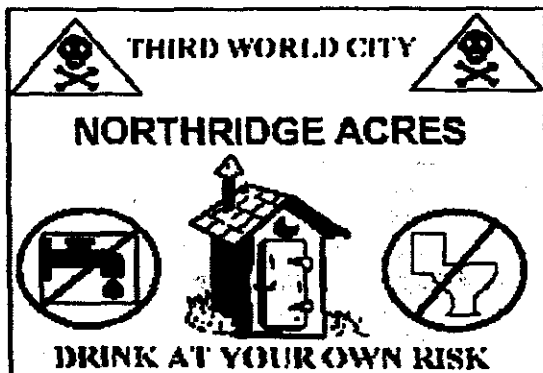
To: Carol Browner-EPA Administrator
Office of the Inspector General
Mail Code 2443, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave N.W.
Washington D.C. 20460

Re: Health Hazards in Northridge Acres!

Dear Ms. Browner

This letter is to inform you of the health hazards in Northridge Acres. Northridge Acres is located in both Travis and Williamson counties in Austin, Texas. The State of Texas has taken control over the water system. Residents are under a boil water notice because the water lines and meters are covered with septic waste and sewer. The water pressure is very low, myself and other residents have contacted the TNRCC office in Austin, Texas and the EPA Dallas office about these health hazards. The situation grows worst everyday. Williamson and Travis Counties could use Senate Bill 821 to install both water and sewer lines for this subdivision, thus taking care of both problems. Both counties refuse to acknowledge that our residents should have basic human services. Year after year, excuse after excuse, these counties continue to show no concern for our residents. As I write this letter, green and black bubbling slime from the septic tanks cover the water lines and stand in the drainage ditches in the front of the homes. At this time I request the enforcement agency of the EPA make the State of Texas (TNRCC) explain how they can continue to run such an illegal water system. Federal and State Laws and guidelines by both the TNRCC and the EPA have not been followed. I respectfully write this letter with the hope that someone will remember what the Enviromental Protection Agency means.

Respectfully,



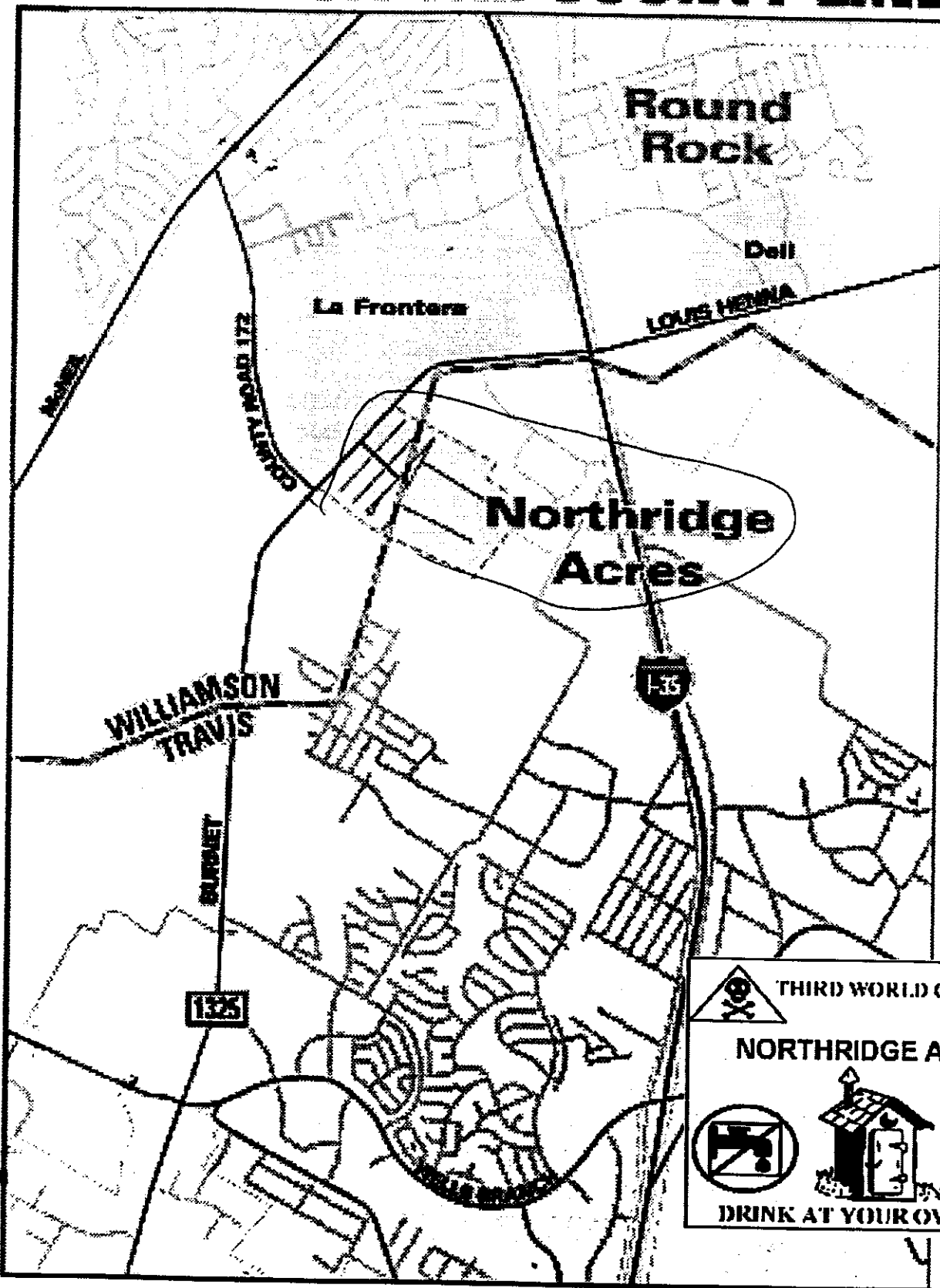
Kenneth Snyder
Kenneth Snyder-Property
Owner/resident
4406 Northridge Dr.
Austin, Texas 78728
(512) 388-4277

c.c. William Jefferson Clinton-President; Vice President-Al Gore; Jeffery Saitas-Executive director of the TNRCC; Governor Bush.

COLONIA ON THE COUNTY LINE



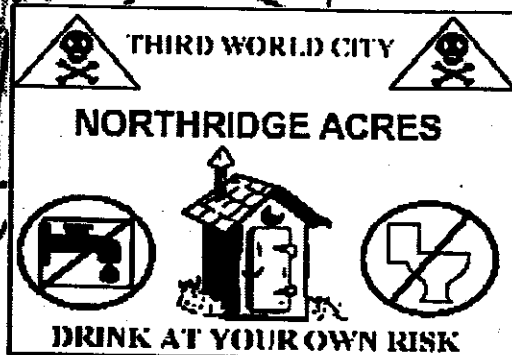
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"It's like I told Gov. Bush's [office], 'You're down there worrying about Mexico and stuff, and here we are with a colonia in your back yard.'"
- Kenneth Snyder

The County needs to put in Senate Bill 821 ASAP. Northridge Acres is only 10 miles away from the Capital and is still a Third World City.

Contact:
Kenneth Snyder at
(512) 388-4277



The Northridge Acres subdivision straddles the Travis and Williamson county lines, and lies in the forgotten gray area just outside the city limits of Austin and Round Rock. The community's 300-plus residents live without basic city services, such as water and sewer. These substandard conditions exist within blocks or a few miles of some of its wealthier commercial neighbors, such as the 328-acre La Frontera development, the Corridor Industrial Park, and Dell Computer.

We Have been begging for help for over six years.

AGENDA ITEM 2

Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: **Commissioner Boatright**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 28, 2000 meeting.

Vote: 3 - 0 with Commissioner Limmer absent from the dais.

AGENDA ITEM 3

Hear County Auditor concerning invoices and bills submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the county.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Commissioner Boatright**

Motion: To authorize the payment of \$801,250.30 in computer printout from the proper line items, if found by the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriated in the 2000/2001 County Budget.

Vote: 3 - 0 with Commissioner Limmer absent from the dais.

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