

## Guests

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- Paul Benz, First Ward
- Jason Bothe, Westwood Grove
- Marie Carlisle, Lazybrook/Timbergrove - SN14
- Mario Castillo, City Council District H Candidate
- Sheri Cortez, HCDAO Community Engagement
- Joe Hood, Rice Military
- Kate Hood, Rice Military
- Mark Kosiara, West End
- Michael McAuley, Woodcrest
- Rufi Natarajan, Harris County Precinct 4 Staff
- Clementina Nunez, Harris County Tax Office
- CeCe Scott, At-Large 4 City Council Staff
- Jim von Suskil, Arlington Court
- Linda Trevino, METRO Public Affairs
- Jack Valinski, Mayor's Assistance Office
- Officer Lucy Vieira, HPD Community Liaison
- Wendy Wilkinson, Rice Military

## Civic Club Representatives

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- Stacie Fairchild, SN22 / Rice Military
- Dexter Handy, SN22 / Rice Military
- Mike VanDusen, Crestwood
- David Sims, Camp Logan
- Jill Metcalf, Cottage Grove
- Mark Fairchild, WAPBD / Rice Military
- Ross Mattern, West End

## Meeting Minutes | January 19, 2023 @ Zoom

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Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

### I. Introductions & Roll Calls

### II. Acceptance of Minutes

Stacie calls for a motion to accept the October and November 2022 minutes. Mike VanDusen motions and Dexter Handy seconds. There are no questions about the minutes. The October 2022 and November 2022 minutes are accepted into the record.

### III. New Business

#### A. 2023 Goals

The SN22 Board is looking for approximately three goals that can be accomplished in 2023. Neighborhoods should evaluate what is important to them in the next two weeks so this can shape 2023 goals.

Immediate feedback includes:

- Mike VanDusen notes that there will be a major transportation change for Washington Avenue in the next few years and that we should focus on getting this information out to as many people as possible.
- Jill Metcalf mentions serious water pressure issues in the Cottage Grove area.

- iii. Mark Kosiara mentions concerns on noise impact of the METRO Inner Katy BRT and TxDOT expansion.
- iv. Ross M mentions sidewalks and walkability.
- v. Jason Bothe mentions shootings and murders in Westwood Grove. Can we get funding back for HPD moving bar patrons out of the area quickly after bars close?
- vi. Stacie Fairchild mentions that ARA follows through on the recommendations for mitigating noise issues, such as administrative hearings.
- vii. Michael McAuley mentions drainage in Woodcrest and would like to see better communication from the city regarding major developments like bars and restaurants.

B. ConnectSmart App

ConnectSmart is “your very own mobility system – all in one app.” The app allows you to find ideal transportation routes, traffic conditions, bus and bike routes, and more.

C. TOD Call for Volunteers

Dexter is looking for HGAC transportation sub-committee members. He has been asked to nominate people for several subcommittees and calls for participants to join HGAC. Contact Dexter at [handydexter@gmail.com](mailto:handydexter@gmail.com) if you’re interested.

D. License Plate Reader Cameras

The Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District takes metered parking money and invests that back into the community. The WAPBD is deploying license plate reader cameras between Sawyer and Westcott. These cameras maintain vehicle information for 30 days from entering the corridor and can be used to identify bad actors, etc. These also offer objectionable data for who and how many people are coming through this area to identify problems we may or may not have in the area. Sheri Cortez confirms that on these specific Flock cameras, they are not looking for anything specific – if a specific car is being looked for, Flock would identify where it saw that car.

E. City Elections

SN22 has plans to coordinate conversations with City Council candidates. More to come on that. Stacie encourages everyone to go to fundraisers to speak with candidates and ask questions.

F. Texas Legislative Agenda

Legislative session began on January 1. Dexter Handy is trying to track transportation issues coming up. Nothing has come through yet, but there will be communicate when they do.

G. SN22 Biennium Officer Elections

In February, SN22 biennium officer elections will be held. If you have an interest in running for any positions – President, Vice President, and Secretary – reach out to [superneighborhood22@gmail.com](mailto:superneighborhood22@gmail.com) for more information.

H. Meeting in Person

Should we stay virtual, or should we incorporate meeting in person? What do you want to do?

- i. Paul Benz suggests staying virtual and keeping an open mic policy as best we can. Stacie reminds everyone that while this is a public meeting, it is first and foremost for representatives of our civic clubs and they will be given precedence.
- ii. Kate Hood notes that in terms of inclusivity, it may be good to include in-person meetings so that those who do not feel comfortable on Zoom calls can feel free to attend in-person.
- iii. Mark Kosiara prefers Zoom meetings because he travels and they allow him the ability to pop in wherever he is. However, it's harder to get the same quality of interaction fully virtually. Mark would support a quarterly face-to-face meeting.
- iv. Jill Metcalf notes that camaraderie among the neighborhoods would be positive – even with just an in-person happy hour occasionally.

IV. **Announcements and Open Comments**

- A. Sheri Cortez, HCDAO - On February 16, there will be a rollout to help the public safely store weapons without feeling like we're taking away their rights. We must do something about guns being stolen from cars.  
Anyone in crisis related to sex trafficking can text HELP to 741741.
- B. Jack Valinski, Mayor's Assistance Office - Anyone dealing with trash and recycling pick-up issues, please submit your issue to 311 so there's a paper trail.
- C. Clementina Nunez, Harris County Tax Office - Property Tax Workshops are available at Houston Public Libraries.
- D. Mario Castillo, Candidate for District H - Mario is running for Houston City Council District H. He grew up next to Moody Park. He started his career in public health and went on to become the District H Chief of Staff. He also served on the Near Northside TIRZ board and has learned a lot about affordable housing. His priorities are public safety, infrastructure and flooding, and making sure the entire district has a voice at city hall and feels represented. You can reach Mario at [mario@marioforhouston.com](mailto:mario@marioforhouston.com).

V. **Adjourn**

- A. Mark Fairchild moved to adjourn the meeting and Dexter Handy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.