

WASHINGTON AVENUE COALITION / MEMORIAL PARK SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 22 -- MINUTES
August 17, 2017 MECA Auditorium - Dow School Building - 1900 Kane St. 6:30 - 8:30PM

I. Presiding Officer: Kathy Vosler, Meeting Called to order at 6:30pm

II. Introductions

III. Critical Issues

A. Presentation – Mr. Jason Iken, - City of Houston PWE, SN22 Infrastructure issues

Mr. Iken discussed the status of the Sanitary, Storm and Water lines that run through our neighborhoods and described the difference between the lines. The Sanitary sewer system is an underground carriage system specifically for transporting sewage from houses and commercial buildings through pipes to treatment facilities or disposal. The City's system covers a 600 sq.mi. area and has 6200 miles of underground pipe. These pipes terminate at various City owned water treatment/reclamation facilities where the water is "cleaned" and returned to be re-used. Items which should not be deposited into household drains are; egg shells, food, sanitary wipes, grease, domestic fats and soils.

The City also maintains a 7000 mile system of storm lines which include 2 types of systems. The curb and gutter system is an underground system which carries the water in pipes to discharge areas. Our neighborhoods also have an open swale system which does the same thing but also allows water to slowly seep into the ground. The city has designed the system to allow certain areas to temporarily "flood" or collect water so that the overall area can drain at a proper rate to prevent downstream flooding. The current system, in this area, has been designed to manage the current densification levels and will be re-built when the levels reach the maximum capacity. Current design standards provide for a 2-year storm level to be drained right away. The City's system is comprised of 70% of HDPE (plastic) pipe and the remainder is either open swales or clay pipe.

B. Presentation – Teneshia Hudspeth, Harris County Clerk, Legislative update on election issues plus 2017 election

The 2017 elections will be held in Texas on November 7, 2017. There will be 7 constitutional amendments on the ballot along with 6 HISD board seats. There have been no changes to the current voter ID laws at this time. The state of Texas will no longer allow for straight ticket voting but each candidate will be identified by their political party. For more information go to www.harrisvotes.com and www.houstonisd.org.

C. Discussion - Sunday Streets event scheduled for October 1, 2017

We are in the early stages of planning Washington Ave's 3rd SS event with the City and will be having additional meetings in the near future (Sept. 14th). As additional information becomes available, it will be distributed.

D. Discussion – Metro Next responses

Paul handed out response cards for the Metro Next program. Citizens are encouraged to provide information to Metro as to what they would like to see them do in the coming years.

IV. Jane West made motion to approve the minutes. Mike VanDusen 2nd. Motion passes unanimously.

V. Old Business:

A. Paul Nicosia: Transportation committee – The next meeting is scheduled for September 13th.

B. Mike VanDusen: SN22 Planning Council applications - were 7 planning commission applications that were approved this month.

C. Ad hoc reports - None

D. City Council Members and Departments updates - None

VI. New Business - None

VII. Announcements and Open Comments: None

VIII. Upcoming events of community interest: National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday October 3rd. Contact your Civic Clubs for additional information.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: 8:15 p.m.