

Super Neighborhood 22
Minutes
May 18, 2017

Attendees: Allen Bourne, Cindy Bourne, David Robinson, Jack Valinski, Jane West, Jeff Garoon, Jim von Suskil, Kathy Vossler, Lee Roeder, Meg Poissant, Paul Nicosia, Paul Benz

Presiding Officer: **Paul Nicosia** Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Jeff Garoon made motion to approve the minutes. **Jane West 2nd**. Motion passes unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- the Nominating Committee announced its slate: President: Kathy Vossler; Vice President: Mike Vandusen; Secretary: Paul Nicosia; Transportation Committee: Paul Nicosia; and Web: Steve Vealey. Slate was unanimously approved.

PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT - presented by **Kathy Vossler** and **Paul Nicosia** - Washington Avenue Parking Benefits District is the only PBD in Houston. They did 2 different projects: Art over the parking meters and Bike Racks. The Bike Racks project included bike racks in 7 locations. 3 have been installed; 4 are awaiting approval by private property owners. They also helped with Permit Parking. The PBD has ~ \$81K in their budget. Revenue was lower than originally projected because: (1) the market changed; (2) impact of Uber and Lyft; (3) some bars now have parking lots. (4) they are authorized to use 1,000 feet north and 1,000 feet south of Washington Avenue. That is not being utilized; (5) enforcement is lax; (6) meters bagged during big events, i.e., Final Four.

Jack Valinski discussed the Residential Parking Permits - applications are on hold. He will ask Maria Irshad to have someone available from Parking Management to speak at the July meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS - **Magnolia Grove** has drainage problems. The South Side of Depelchin - 'all kinds of stuff' coming up in the yard. Most often after a storm. Appears to be hospital waste. **Westwood Grove** - the storm sewer is blocked. Atlas Bar dumps trash from their weekly crawfish boil into the storm sewer.

Old Sixth Ward - Lee Roeder discussed the infrastructure problems in the Old Sixth Ward - sewer shooting up out of the ground on Sabine Street. Sabine Street is an old, historic, brick street. It has a combined sanitary sewer / storm sewer. It has sink holes and collapsed lines. Every time they fix the problem in one spot, it manifests in another - domino effect. 1 block away, they are pumping sewage out of it. We have a new Director of Public Works - Karoon Sirama - who we need to get information to. OSWNA committee is meeting. They will put together a map of the problem. Jack Valinski said that he could pull the 3-1-1 calls re: sewer issues.

Councilmember David Robinson was present to address our infrastructure concerns. He said that the city budget has nothing to do with our sewer problems. We have contingency funds and emergency funds. He suggested that we contact PWE, engage Steven Costello. See if Rebuild

Houston will be involved. Other issue on Sabine Street involves a misunderstanding with 3-1-1. They have told callers that they cannot touch Sabine Street because it is historic. They passed the problem on to Public Works.

Flooding during rain events: 5100 Block of Center Street has '3 feet of water every time it rains'. 3-1-1 came out and spoke with Magnolia Grove. They have mini CIP's - the monies are identified. For maintenance-related problems that are not very expensive and that have an easy solution.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Sunday Streets is coming to Washington Avenue for the third time in October. CIGNA will be sponsoring. SN22's role: coordinate iwth businesses. Bike Houston gets involved. Possibly have SN22 table to recruit members for civic clubs.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday at Hickory Hollow. Members will include: Paul Benz, from 1st Ward; Paul Nicosia and Crystal Franks, from Magnolia Grove; Lauren Barasch, from Rice Military; Jeff Garoon and Layton, from Cottage Grove; Jim von Suskil, from Crestwood, Kathy Vossler and Jane West, from Old Sixth Ward; and Meg Poissant, from Westwood Grove.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES: Rice military was able to get speed bumps they have been working on. Magnolia Grove - speed bumps were denied because of the traffic count.

NEW BUSINESS: Azure Apartments. A neighbor is building. There are no rods in place, for a 4-block radius.

Motion to Adjourn - 7:55 p.m.