

I. Call to Order

II. Introductions

Officers present, Paul Nicosia, Steven Veale, and approximately 40 total

III. Guest speaker: Susan Christian, head of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, addressed community concerns about Club Nomadic, a 9,000-person concert venue built in The First Ward, to be used for concerts during Superbowl weekend. We wished to learn of preparations for security, sanitation, traffic, parking, and noise, as well as reports that the building will be permanent, and that the general infrastructure may be insufficient to support it.

Susan confirmed that the city won't relax the sound ordinance, and as such it was decided to make an indoor venue. Jack Murphy, producer of Club Nomadic, explained that he manages temporary venues, and the facility is modular, and deconstruction will begin within hours of the final performance Saturday night. It was built locally, power, water, restrooms, lighting, a/c, everything is temporary. He has 30 to 45 days to break it down, and if he doesn't get it out on time, builder owns it. There will be a cleaning crew every night. An acoustic engineer and sound proofing will guarantee noise ordinance compliance. Local catering and services are self-contained, nothing is left for city to do. He is continually in touch with mayor's office.

Washington Ave. is a challenge for large crowds due to railroads and sub-sized streets. Twenty-five hundred parking spots are reserved in the Allen Center, and shuttles are going to bring everyone to the event. Uber and taxis will be present. HPD officer Mike Angel said he will coordinate off-duty police for traffic control and security. The owner of the property where the building is spotted is Lovett Commercial, who owns the old post office, and various other properties, will open a gated lot on Sawyer to accommodate vehicles. Lovett has plans to develop the lot for retail following removal of venue. Lovett wants it to be amenable to existing properties, some of which they own. They are sensitive to noise, traffic, nuisance in neighborhood.

Mike Angel of HPD, says the traffic access plan and programming starts 9 pm, patrons encouraged to arrive earlier, at 7 pm. Fifty officers and temporary signage will be used. Streets are to be redirected and one-way as necessary. N-S streets are all two-way. It will be a priority to keep access for residents. Control will be from 5pm to 3am. All officers are off-duty and paid by Club Nomadic.

IV. Approval of Minutes from November, 2016. Motion offered, seconded and approved.

V. Old Business:

A. Report of Bicycle Master Plan comments made to Planning Commission, January 19. SNA has a top 10 list. Number 2 is most important recommending to "Specify that a neighborhood level public engagement process will be undertaken before bikeways are implemented, specify the role that each city department and division will play (including particularly HPD, HFP, Parks (including Urban Forestry), Planning and PWE), as well as when, where, how and by whom decisions will be made (e.g. Decisions to build or not to build planned bikeway, and what type of bikeway to build (e.g., in street bikeway or a side path that is behind the back of the curb)."

Public engagement process very important.

B. Paul Nicosia: Status of reinstating the transportation committee. It needs two representatives from each neighborhood. Paul is trying to contact the clubs. The immediate concern is the High Speed Railroad.

C. Mike VanDusen: SN22 Planning Council applications for SN22 replats in next meeting. Nothing unusual. He is monitoring the issue of a minimum lot size replat of single family to a restaurant.

D. Status of HEB plans for Washington Ave. store. Paull reports that it may take up half of block where Archstone apartments exist. The plans appear to be appropriate for the area, with HEB on grade and mixed use above.

E. Status of Plan Houston put off to later

F. Discussion of SN22 Priorities: Kathy Vossler recommends surveying each of the neighborhoods. Issues that have arisen: Development in the Arts district, power surges in OSW, lack of financial resources in SN22, and how to get a management district. Also difficulties arising from the Fruge parking lot, fighting the liquor license for the House, conflicts of interest by off-duty police working at clubs where the second job is first priority.

G. Ad hoc reports: None offered

H. City Council Members and Departments updates: None offered

VI. New Business

A. Park development on Wagner and Honsinger

VII. Announcements and Open Comments: None offered

VIII. Upcoming events of community interest: None offered

IX. Adjourn 8:50