

Super Neighborhood 22 / Washington Avenue Coalition - Memorial Park
Guests Minutes from Meeting held online via ZOOM – September 16, 2021



Yolanda Alvarado, DA Oggs office

Jack Valinski, Mayor's Assistance Office

Sgt. Roger Nguyen, HPD

Kay Walton, SN62 - Midtown

Emma Tippet – Ann Johnsons office

Olivia Lee – Ann Johnsons office

Civic Club Representatives:

Jim von Suskil, Arlington Court

Stacie Fairchild, Rice Military/SN22 Vice President

Steve Vealey, Camp Logan/SN22 Vice President

Margaret Poissant, West End

Allison Cowan, Cottage Grove

Mauri Lucas, West End

Robert Guratzsch, Cottage Grove

Ross Mattern, West End

Mike VanDusen, Crestwood/SN22 President

Tami Hamilton, Crestwood

Jody Wilding, First Ward, Secretary SN22

Paul Benz, First Ward

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

I. Introductions

II. Acceptance of Minutes from Meeting Held on July 15, 2021

III. Presentation:

A. Second Session Update: Emma Tippet, Ann Johnson's office, second session wrapped up with some victories. Virtual education was funded, 13th check approved for teachers. 3rd special session starts Monday which will include redistricting, delay due to census turn ins and covid. 1 more public hearing Sat, Oct 9th can sign up here . <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/schedules/html/C0802021091811001.htm> Federal funding from covid relief and dispersing. Depart of family services, funneling \$ to them to make sure ensuring CPS has the resources they need. Anti-trans legislation popping up again. Hosted a community round table with neighborhood leaders. Will start having pop-up district meetings so folks don't have to drive to Ann Johnson's office, they are coming to you. District also partnered with CofH with a supply and food drive for Louisiana after hurricane Ida. Honored Lamar High Schools new bldg. Assisted Methodist Hospital with helping with Covid. Honoring Rice University's President who is retiring after 18 yrs of service to the University.

B. LED Billboards: Mike VanDusen, Mayor Turner proposing to allow LED Billboards. City representative was not present to give an update. Mile will try and get additional information.

C. By-Laws: Mike VanDusen, There are deficiencies and lack of clarity of what constitutes a quorum and voting rights. Next meeting, October 21st, will be a 1st vote. November 18th meeting will be a final vote to put them into effect. Anyone who has comments, suggestions etc. reach out to Mike.

IV. New Business:

A. Detering One Way Project: Suspected that the adjacent business owner right there is wanting the one way in place. However this will dump all the traffic into residential area instead of onto Washington. There will be a stakeholders meeting in October, date has not been set. Feedback from those who live nearby and will be effected are encouraged to attend. Meg, spoke about how Reinerman was changed to one way north bound, dumping into the neighborhood and what problems it has caused. Reinerman is parallel to Detering a few blocks to the east. Problems are: traffic, no emergency apparatus can get through, accidents, some residents can't even get out of their driveways because of being blocked in by traffic.

B. Sidewalk Summit: Meeting hosted by Councilmembers David Robinson and Sallie Acorn September 21st, will shed some light on what the city is trying to do, who has responsibility of sidewalks, Ada compliance, etc. can sign up here;

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=EFqoV4sltEWIGclsdYEJTJmDNeuMO3tNi38HLAE22aBUODBUWTc3TFJYTDM1UE83MTIFTzIINetXRy4u>

C. National Night Out: Stacie Fairchild, National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct 5th. Several neighborhoods are having events on Tuesday. Rice Military is having theirs on Saturday, Oct 2nd instead. Will be held at the DePelchin Children's Center on Memorial. Some proceeds will benefit

the center.

V. Old Business:

A. Bicycle Advisory Committee: Mike VanDusen, 2 projects going on, 1: MKT bridge once they started working on repairs they've come across additional damage that needs to be dealt with. 2: White Oak Trail connector between MKT bridge and Studewood has been approved.

B. Planning Commission Updates: Mike VanDusen, no updates

C. Quality of Life Updates: Stacie Fairchild, East end of Washington, the place that used to be Benjis is re-opening as a bar, owned by some company from out of the country wanting to change the way Houston bar scene is. Loud noise units need to be more attentive. On the stats it reflects no citations were issued for August and September. Meg noted the fights, gun shots, drunks passed out in yards, trash, etc. Calls to non-emergency tend to be on hold for at least 15 minutes, Sgt. Nguyen, state that over 257 citations had been issued to bars, they just pay them and accept that it's part of doing business. More sound units are needed.

D. City Council and Department Updates: Yolanda Alvarado, DA Oggs office, DA's office is giving out free gun locks, email Carpenter_Ann@dao.hctx.net. Jack Valinski, gave an update that 311 app still has issues, not sure when it will be fixed. Not user friendly for phone users.

Super Neighborhood Alliance: SN22 Alliance will start live recording on HTV with next meeting.

VI. Announcements, and Open Comments: Tami Hamilton, Flyers given out about a free concert October 14th, 6:00pm featuring Monarch Chamber Players, will be behind Memorial Elementary and sponsored by Crestwood Civic Club. PTO will be selling snacks. Esplanades on Wescott have uneven trees, she got with Trees of Houston and they found a company to do the work and come up with the funds for adding 40 more trees. They will be planted along Wescott between Memorial and Feagan starting October 14th. Angie, has concerns regarding large bicycle groups blocking the entire street on Washington near the roundabout, blocking cars and causing traffic jams. Mike will bring it to the attention of the Bicycle Advisory Board. On 9/24 Department of Defense had training throughout the city, lots of helicopter noise may be heard during the exercises.

VI. Upcoming Events of Community Interest: No announcements

VII. VIII. Motion to Adjourn: 7:45 pm

Next meeting: September 16, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.