

Guests:

Jack Valinski, DON-COH
Shelley Kennedy, District C Candidate
Debra Denny, SN15
Luis Garcia, METRO
Austin Halvorson, State Representative Sarah Davis
Matt Dulin, Community Impact Editor
Ronald J. Harrison, HFD Public Affairs
Captain Gunderson, HFD Fire Station 6
EO Steve Reynolds, HFD Fire Station 6
FF D.J. Nicholds, HFD Fire Station 6
FF John Hughes, HFD Fire Station 6

Civic Club Representatives:

Mollie Hammond, Camp Logan
Adria Czerewaty, Camp Logan
Mike VanDusen, Crestwood/SN22 President
Tami Hamilton, Crestwood
Shelly Anello, Old Sixth Ward
Stacie Fairchild, Rice Military/SN22 Secretary
Mark Fairchild, Rice Military
Amanda Ducach, Rice Military
Mauri Lucas, West End
Howard Watson, West End
Philip Temple, Woodcrest

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

I. Introductions

II. Acceptance of Minutes from Meeting Held on March 21, 2019

III. Presentation A: Fire Safety – HFD Public Affairs Veteran Firefighter, Ronald J. Harrison

Firefighter (FF) Harrison shared he has been with HFD for 25 years. He began by welcoming everyone and distributing HFD’s guidebook on fire prevention and life safety covering simple maintenance procedures and safety tips. He shared that most fires occur at night when we’re sleeping between 2:00-6:00 am. Home Fire Safety begins with a WORKING smoke detector. A smoke detector is probably the most important safety device you can have in your home. However, based on HFD estimates, 30% of all Houston area homes have no smoke detectors or have ones that do not work. Through the “Get Alarmed! Houston” smoke detector program, HFD provides free smoke detectors to Houston area homeowners who are at the highest risk for fires (e.g., low income, the disabled, and the elderly). The program is funded by private and corporate donations. HFD distributes and installs 3-4K smoke detectors/year by individual appointments and special events. FF Harrison encouraged participants to contact HFD Public Affairs at (832) 394-6633 or stop by your local fire station if you know someone who needs a smoke detector. HFD recommends testing all smoke detectors monthly by pressing the button and holding it until a loud, audible sound is heard—the sound should be 85 decibels or higher. Generally, smoke alarms go off, while we’re cooking. (Cooking has long

been the leading cause of home structure fires and civilian home fire injuries.) Our reaction to the sound is typically to open doors and windows, turn on the vent hood, fan the smoke, etc. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) found that children will sleep through a fire because they are not taught to treat the sound from a smoke detector as an emergency; they become desensitized and think someone is cooking even in the middle of the night. Use the opportunity to teach your children to react to the sound as an emergency when the alarm goes off. It could save their life. Getting out of a fire is the most important thing, and having a fire escape plan will reduce your chances of becoming a victim of catastrophic fire. When there is smoke in your home, fire grows exponentially—every 20-30 seconds it doubles in size. In a very short amount of time, your home can become uninhabitable. Eighty-five percent of people who die in fires are never touched by fire. It's smoke that kills them. In an emergency situation, you need to Get Low, Stay Low and figure out how to get out of your home; exiting through a door may not be an option. Windows are the alternative. HFD recommends opening and closing windows as part of your exit drill to learn how to unlock and open them fast. If your windows do not open, have something close by that will break the glass and clear the chards away. If you have multiple floors, have a ladder accessible on each floor. Most escape ladders are made of flexible material and descending can be intimidating because the ladder is not fixed. If you are trapped in a room, shut the door, open the window, and wave a white cloth at HFD when they arrive. They may not be able to hear you in a chaotic situation, but they will be able to see that someone is trapped. As part of conducting an in-home fire drill, walk through every part of the process monthly. Make sure there are two ways to get out of each room, then decide on a meeting place outside to ensure everyone made it out safely. People who go back into the home, typically do not make it out alive. Train your children to focus on getting out instead of searching for others. Children typically hide under the bed or in a closet during an emergency situation. Teach them to Get Out, Stay Out; Get Low, Stay Low and go to the meeting place outside. Fire extinguishers are good to have in the kitchen, but NOT by the stove. Most people put them in a cabinet because they do not compliment the decor. HFD recommends putting your hands on fire extinguishers monthly to remind you where they are. When a fire breaks out, you want to be mindful of where the extinguisher is at that moment. Fire extinguishers should be readily visible, uniformly distributed, free from blockage by storage and equipment, near normal ports of travel, and protected from potential accidental or malicious damage. Replace fire extinguishers every seven years. Empty them outside and recycle through the City or a facility that recycles metal. HFD uses an acronym to teach people how to remember to operate a fire extinguisher; P.A.S.S.—**P**ull the pin, **A**im the nozzle at the base of the fire, **S**queeze the handle while standing eight feet away, and **S**weep the nozzle back and forth at the base of the fire. HFD also offers fire extinguisher training for neighborhoods, and will come out and set up a demo to train residents. Contact HFD Public Affairs to make an appointment or fill out the [online form](#). At least four weeks notice is appreciated.

Questions: Adria Czerewaty (Camp Logan) asked if FF Harrison had any advice for getting animals, in particular large dogs, out of a burning home. FF Harrison stated that animals instinctively know danger. They will look for a way out, probably before you realize something is wrong. Every home and emergency situation is different, so you need to come up with an exit strategy that includes them if it's possible.

Mauri Lucas (West End) asked if there is a certain type and size of fire extinguisher we should buy. FF Harrison stated that the extinguisher must fit the fire. There are five types. Type A: Ordinary combustibles (wood, cloth, rubber, many plastics, etc.); Type B: Flammable liquids (gasoline and other flammable liquids, oil, grease, tar, oil-based paint, lacquer and flammable gas); Type C: Electrical equipment (energized electrical equipment including wiring, fuse boxes, circuit breakers, machinery and appliances); Type D:

Heavy Metal fires; Type K: (For use ONLY where cooking equipment involves the use of animal or vegetable oils). At Home Depot and Lowes, you'll find Types A-C in one 4 lbs fire extinguisher and it is sufficient for home use.

Stacie Fairchild (Rice Military/SN22 Secretary) asked if it is unsafe to keep products with lithium batteries plugged in especially in the garage. FF Harrison responded that because of smarter technology nowadays it's not as necessary to unplug them. Most newer lithium batteries go through a re-charging cycle; shut off and drain a bit.

Adria Czerewaty (Camp Logan) asked if it is dangerous to keep fire extinguishers inside a car or garage because of the high temperature. FF Harrison stated that extinguishers are suitable for use between -40°F to 120°F. People keep fire extinguishers in their vehicles all the time, even in their trunk. He reminded us to put our hands on the extinguisher(s) often to familiarize ourselves with its placement.

Jack Valinski (DON-COH) commented that in the Avondale area there are two neighbors who have electrical cords laying over the sidewalks to charge their cars. The City has no ordinance against it and asked if FF Harrison thinks it's dangerous, and if so, how should it be handled. FF Harrison responded that if the City doesn't have an ordinance to enforce, then working with the civic club to put something in writing is the best path.

Stacie Fairchild (Rice Military/SN22 Secretary) asked how many firefighters are sent to a vertical home fire. FF Harrison said that three pumpers, two fire trucks, two district chiefs, and one safety officer; anywhere from 25-30 people and sometimes more depending on the size of the fire.

Amanda Ducach (Rice Military) asked if home smoke detectors come programmed to call 9-1-1. FF Harrison replied that smoke detectors will only send an emergency signal if they are connected to your home security system. The security system would call 9-1-1. The most important thing to remember is to exit, go to the meeting place, then call 9-1-1.

Stacie Fairchild (Rice Military/SN22 Secretary) asked what is the safest way to barbeque with a pit or propane when living in a vertical home. FF Harrison answered that the Houston Fire Code prohibits the use of barbeque pits within 10 feet of roofs, combustible walls and other combustible materials. Fines start at \$250 for violations. Have a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose within reach. Neighbors will have to call in a complaint in order for HFD to enforce the ordinance.

Stacie Fairchild (Rice Military/SN22 Secretary) asked if HFD receives a lot of calls at Thanksgiving for deep frying turkeys gone bad. FF Harrison replied they receive a lot of EMS calls from people getting hurt as a result of improperly frying turkeys.

Shelly Anello (Old Sixth Ward) asked if HFD produces any materials on how to deal with fires associated with storms. FF Harrison said no, and that the same fire safety tips and maintenance procedures discussed earlier apply. The only difference would be if the fire is outside and wind is a factor, the exponential growth of the fire is 5-10 seconds instead of the aforementioned 20-30 seconds.

IV. Old Business:

A. Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC): Mike VanDusen (Crestwood/SN22 President) began by stating he's the Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) representative on the Bicycle Advisory Committee. The BAC meets quarterly, and because the meetings are public, the [April 24](#) meeting can be viewed online via the City's website. One of the conversations that's starting to move through the City at the mayor's direction is an international movement branded [Vision Zero](#); the goal is to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The BAC will most likely endorse the resolution in support of the mayor. Mike sat in a meeting with the Planning department for three hours listening to a Department of Transportation representative sharing more information and how other municipalities have implemented it.

B. Planning Commission Updates (PC): Mike VanDusen (Crestwood/SN22 President) shared that SN22 is beginning to work with the Planning Department on implementation of the municipal code as it relates to minimum lot size and minimum build line designations. There are some within SN22 up for renewal, but a lot more in the Heights. As a result, SN22 is partnering with Greater Heights SN15. SN15 neighborhoods were some of the first to get designations, and they are now coming to an end; they sunset at 20 years. The SN22 blocks up for renewal are the 1300 Block of Edwards Street in First Ward (one of the oldest designations) , 5800 South Block on Rose Street in Rice Military, and the 6000 Block of Glencove Street in Crestwood. The Planning department is beginning to develop communications around outreach to the neighborhoods and people living in the designated homes to learn whether or not they want to keep their designation. Planning has asked the Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) for help in how best to engage the Super Neighborhoods. A meeting was planned for April 27 to discuss further. The SNA meets on a quarterly basis with the Planning department; the next meeting is scheduled for April 23, and Mike is the SNA interface to the Planning department. There were two replat applications that came forward on April 25 and were approved by the Planning Commission. The first is a 1.1 acre tract in West End at the north end of Patterson into an unrestricted reserve. There is a 10' build line on Patterson, which has a Right-of-Way (ROW) width of 50'. The drainage plan indicates this to become an entertainment venue on the south side of White Oak Bayou and on the west side of Patterson. Parking is shown with a two-level deck. The second replat is for Crockett Street Landing in First Ward, the partial replat of a tract at the southeast corner of Crockett and White Streets into two lots. This is the final plat of a preliminary plat approved at the last meeting. There are 10' build lines and 17' garage build lines on Crockett Street, and 5' build lines on White Street.

C. Quality of Life Committee Update (QOL): Stacie Fairchild (Rice Military/SN22 Secretary) began by stating that most residents routinely affected by the current establishments on the west end of Washington Avenue (Malone to Durham) continue to see an improvement in their response by HPD. HPD's Central Patrol received additional funding to increase their presence along the Washington Avenue Corridor. Patrol officers are expected to address the issues citizens call in on and proactively address public nuisance issues they see while on duty. HPD has an extra job coordinator in the area focusing their efforts on maintaining order at the clubs. Maria Irshad with Parking Management is working to fill the last few positions on the Parking Benefits District Board. An announcement is coming soon. There has been a recent uptick in crime in the Rice Military neighborhood, and Stacie reminded everyone to please call in any suspicious activity to HPD's non-emergency number (713) 884-3131, even if it's the following day. DENZO's latest tweets are promoting Denzo's 21st birthday party on May 10-11 in Sugar Land. Twitter handle: @DenzoSoHouston. Calls for Service made by Woodcrest neighbors are for loud noise Friday-Sunday nights at Axis & Alibi from 10:00 pm - 2:00 am living behind Life Storage and Candelari's. HPD promised to address the issue with the bar owner

directly. Feedback from Woodcrest residents is things are still the same. Stacie will continue to monitor with residents and address with HPD. Bottled Blonde has applied for Mixed Beverage and Late Night Beverage permits. The construction fence is blocking the ROW at the building on Washington Avenue. Jack Valinski (DON-COH) will address it with 311 and report back. A temporary replacement post and placard bus stop has been added to the southwest corner of Washington Avenue at Sandman Street. The Mayfield Social Club poker room opened the week of April 28. Stacie reminded everyone affected by unruly bar establishments to contact HPD's non-emergency number, and contact Harris County's dedicated bar tip line/email: (713) 274-1500; bartips@dao.hctx.net.

D. City Council Members and Department Updates: Jack Valinski (DON-COH) announced that as of April 4, the City has reinstated the [curbside recycling of brown, green, and clear glass](#). The City contracted with a third party to assist with trash pickup until the new trucks on order come in. It remains to be seen what the future of recycling will be. Jack again reminded SN22 attendees that he is available to support residents in any neighborhood/civic club initiatives or projects with the City.

E. Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA): Mike VanDusen (Crestwood/SN22 President) mentioned that the SNA held the second training session for Super Neighborhood (SN) meeting attendees on April 27 at Houston Community College NE Campus. There were three presentations; 1) The SN program and tips for running a successful SN council; 2) Rhonda Sauter who directs the Mayor's Citizens Assistance office shared the services her office provides to neighborhoods and SNs, and; 3) Rene Martinez, who is an urban planner by education and profession as well as a former City Planning Department employee, gave a brief introduction into neighborhood planning. The City is receiving millions of federal dollars to rebuild and reinvent Houston in a more sustainable, different way because of the destruction from Hurricane Harvey. There are lots of people in the development community and around the City who have very firm plans and ideas about what they would like to see. Neighborhoods need to have similar plans and decide what their vision is for their neighborhood in the next 3, 5, and 10 years, and be a part of the discussion. There were door prizes, and free book giveaways throughout the session to encourage people to increase participation in their civic clubs and SN councils, and envision a better future for all of us. A BIG thank you to Council Member Mike Knox for providing breakfast!

V. New Business:

A. Planning Candidate Forums and Issues: Mike VanDusen (Crestwood/SN22 President) reminded attendees that SN22 will host candidate forums in the September/October timeframe for Districts C and H, and At-Large positions. SN22 is considering combining Districts C and H into one forum, and holding the At-Large in another. It could be challenging since District C has eight confirmed candidates. CM Cisneros now has an opponent in District H, Cynthia Reyes-Revilla. It's likely SN22 will partner with neighboring SNs to put on the forums. The deadline for candidates to file is August 19. SN22 will decide on forum dates and locations at that time. Jane West distributed a list of Topics of Interest for neighborhood representatives to use to begin thinking about the issues and the types of questions they want to ask candidates. Please send all developed questions to superneighborhood22@gmail.com. SN22 neighborhoods are beginning to host District C candidate meet and greets and forums; Camp Logan on May 7, and West End on May 9.

B. AARP Walk Audits: Mike VanDusen (Crestwood/SN22 President) began by sharing that AARP and the Greater Coalition for Complete Streets are moving forward with getting baseline information on SN22's

sidewalks and walkability. To that effect, AARP is ready to conduct a series of Walk Audits this year. They have the leadership, the tools and apps. All they need are candidate neighborhoods and communities. SN22's executive committee has identified some preliminary [suitable locations](#). The committee has started looking for assembly areas near each of the audit sites as outlined in the [leader guide](#). AARP is asking for 40 volunteers who will receive training as to what to look for on the walk audits. Volunteers will download an audit app onto their smartphones, and conduct the audit with AARP on-street guidance. The walk audits will take two hours. See the [16-page tool kit](#) for more information. Mike asked SN22 representatives to collect neighborhood interest and consider participating in the walk audits; some residents have already come forward expressing interest. Hopefully, participating residents will go back into their neighborhoods and identify areas that need to be addressed. The immediate task is to pick an audit site and a place to meet, identify the people, and choose two possible audit dates. Jack Valinski (DON-COH) stated Mayor Turner mentioned in a press conference that 311 is now taking reports for sidewalk problems listed under Street Hazards in the 311 app. The mayor has designated \$8M towards this effort and is working with METRO to discover hot spots. Sidewalks define the pedestrian realm, and they need to be in good shape citywide.

C. Future Transportation Projects: On March 22, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) for Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) approved some proposed projects. Initially, 193 projects were proposed totaling \$2.9B in federal fund ask. The federal government provided \$775M and [three of the funded projects directly impact SN22](#). Two are known as active transportation projects—bike and pedestrian—and are probably a few years away due to a process they have to go through. The *MKT White Oak Bicycle Pedestrian Connection* is a project proposing a 10' shared use path. At the northernmost portion, the shared use path will connect to the MKT Trail (near West 7th Street) via a culvert with no expected adverse hydrological impacts since there is no water body or constant water presence that could be construed as a wetland. The northern part of this trail would run through TxDOT owned property adjacent to the Rutland detention pond. The trail would utilize the east berm of the detention pond, which is approximately 15 to 20 ft wide. After the trail navigates around the detention pond berms, just south of West 5th St, the trail would then traverse across a portion of detention pond as well as White Oak Bayou via a proposed steel truss bridge where it would then tie into the White Oak Trail that runs along the southern side of White Oak Bayou. The project includes a 10 feet shared use path, striping, bridge railing, pavement markings, signage, landscape/hardscape as well as associated intersection improvements. This project does not require additional acquisition of ROW. The next project is known as the *Memorial Park Bicycle Pedestrian Connection*, also TxDOT sponsored at \$2.4M, that will connect Cottage Grove to Memorial Park. The project proposes to construct a 10' concrete shared use path along TxDOT ROW from Washington Avenue to Cohn Street. The proposed path will utilize the large berm area along the top of the I-10 eastbound embankment slope and then will transition down towards the bottom of the slope in order to go under the existing railroad bridge east of Washington Avenue (behind existing columns). This transition under the railroad will be achieved using retaining walls. Once the trail passes under the railroad bridge it will transition back up to the I-10 eastbound berm area and then turn north to tie into the existing pedestrian bridge over I-10 which will be widened to accommodate a 10' shared use path facility. The project also includes striping, bridge railing, pavement markings, signage, landscape/hardscape as well as associated intersection improvements. This project does not require additional acquisition of ROW. The third project is known as *The Inner Katy Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Busway*. It is sponsored by METRO and a \$190M federal ask was awarded. The total cost is expected to be \$800M (\$150M/mile at 5.27 miles), not including the two stations at Shepherd/Durham and Studemont along I-10. The start of this project is probably a good five years away due to a required environmental impact study. It proposes a High Capacity

Transit improvement from IH-610 (West Loop) to the Katy Freeway HOV Lane Downtown Connector two-way ramp. This dedicated busway, which is grade-separated for a certain portion would be utilized by multiple transit modes – specifically a BRT route providing a fast, reliable one-seat ride connecting Uptown/Galleria and Downtown; Regional Express Network (Park & Ride) routes from IH-10, and US 290 to Downtown, and connecting the HSR terminus to various regional employment centers. In addition, this improvement allows High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) to use this proposed facility. METRO proposes to extend the Inner Katy BRT and Busway from the Managed Lanes at approximately Silber Road to the Downtown Connector two-way ramp from the Northwest Transit Center (NWTC), approximately 1.4 miles, allowing through Express Bus and HOV traffic to bypass the NWTC to continue Downtown. *The Inner Katy BRT and Busway* would continue at-grade for another 2.18 miles before elevating and changing alignment from the middle of the freeway to the landscaped area between the main lanes and the frontage road along the southerly side of the Katy Freeway. The elevated segment is approximately 1.95 miles long. Two BRT stops would be included: one at Shepherd/Durham and another at Studemont Street. A transit center would be connected to the Shepherd/Durham station, requiring additional right-of-way (ROW). The new BRT service along Inner Katy, will provide a one-seat ride from Uptown/Galleria to Downtown. This leverages a critical regional partnership investment, the Uptown BRT, a joint project currently under construction by Uptown Houston Management District, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and METRO. The new BRT project will use the dedicated busway on Post Oak Boulevard and elevated bus lanes in Loop 610, connecting to the NWTC, and then use the Inner Katy BRT and Busway to connect to Downtown. The project would benefit BRT riders between Downtown and Uptown by bypassing the general-purpose traffic and providing connections to crossing bus routes in the Inner Katy at two proposed stations. The two proposed BRT stations at Shepherd/Durham and another at Studemont Street provides critical north-south system level connectivity as well as strategic connections to the bikeway lanes under design by the City of Houston to connect to the Buffalo Bayou Trail and the White Oak Bayou Trail systems – key bikeway spines for Houston. Additional modes that utilize this busway are all Regional Express (Park & Ride) commuter routes from the IH-10 West corridor, and the US 290 corridor. The commuter routes would utilize the dedicated busway, to connect to Downtown. By-pass lanes would be included at the BRT stations to allow Regional Express Network buses to skip the BRT stops. HOV will travel through this new infrastructure as well. One of the drivers of this project is the proposed bullet train, a privately funded project. The hope is that it will bring 30-35K people/day through the area.

VI. Announcements, and Open Comments: Luis Garcia (METRO), SN22's representative, updated everyone that METRO has a site engineer keeping an eye on the work at Bottled Blonde. The interior and exterior demolition is complete. The building design is still in flux and construction will not begin for a few months. METRO required the contractor to erect and relocate temporary post and placard bus stops to replace the two permanent stops the contractor removed at the Washington Avenue/Durham corner. Once the building design is complete, METRO will determine where to put the permanent bus stops. Both stops are heavily used. Stacie Fairchild has requested frequent updates and shelters be added to both permanent bus stops. Luis also shared that METRO is still soliciting in-person community input through the end of May on their Moving Forward Plan (MFP). There is [one more opportunity on May 19](#) to provide input. METRO's board will then decide on a plan, educate the public, and add it as a referendum to the November 2019 ballot. As part of the MFP, a monorail elevated over the HOV lane along I-10 is being proposed in addition to the aforementioned Inner Katy BRT and Busway. MFP is the first step to METRONext's new plan for transit services in the Houston/Harris County region. It includes major investments, such as increased regional express service, extended light rail lines, a new bus rapid transit system, and many improvements to the

existing bus network including new Park & Rides, Community Connectors, and an increase in bus service. It will also improve service on major freeways, enhance bus stops and address Universal Accessibility. [METRONext](#) is a forward-looking plan focused on providing more transportation choices to more people over the next 40 years. Luis also announced METRO has two summer programs designed to understand summer travel, make it more efficient and increase ridership; 1) From May 4 - July 28, the I-45 North HOV lane will be free for all inbound drivers on weekends from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm. [Click here for more information about the I-45 North Freeway HOV pilot program](#); 2) From June 1 - August 31, METRO is offering free rides on all METRO light-rail, local bus, and Park & Ride service to K-12 (and college) students. [Sign up here to get your FREE Student Q Fare Card](#). Stacie Fairchild mentioned as part of the Prop B layoffs, the HFD District Chief position at Fire Station 6 on Washington Avenue will be removed effective June 30, 2019. This role is responsible for five fire stations—6,11,15,16,62—and provides overall command presence and direction for fire incidents requiring more than one pumper, and non-fire related incidents such as hazmat spills, cutting people out of cars, etc. It means there will be a delay for an Incident Commander to take control of events larger than a single company. If this goes through, the next District Chiefs will come from 33 (Medical Center), 28 (Chimney Rock), 31 (Shepherd/Crosstimbers), 19 (Fifth Ward), 8 (Downtown). Also, on a standard house fire HFD sends two District Chiefs, four Engines, two Ladder Trucks, and one Ambulance. Fire Station 6's area coverage is north to 23rd Street, south to Elgin/Westheimer, west to T.C. Jester, and east to I-45. [HPD's Positive Interaction Program \(PIP\), Central Division has a new Facebook page](#) where residents living in Districts 1 and 2 have the opportunity to interact with officers who patrol their area. HPD's Central Division encompasses the Near Northside, Houston Heights, the Washington Avenue Corridor, and the Montrose area. Please Like and Share the new page with everyone you know in Districts 1 and 2 including your respective neighborhood Facebook pages and Nextdoor. Shelly Anello (Old Sixth Ward) suggested SN22 meetings be recorded to take advantage of the information and share it with the neighborhoods. Stacie Fairchild and Mike VanDusen are beginning to look at social media as an outreach option, and will discuss with SN22's executive committee. Stacie requested feedback on the new SN22 meeting minutes format.

VII. Upcoming Events of Community Interest: Rice Military held their annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Nellie Keyes Park. All kids living in Rice Military and the neighboring areas were invited to participate; a few hundred people attended. Memorial Elementary held its inaugural fun run on April 26 to raise money for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs. All of the students participated. The Rice Military Civic Club will host an informal Meet and Greet for all eight District C candidates on June 1 at 10:00 am. An invite to SN22 residents and the surrounding Super Neighborhoods will be distributed as soon as a venue is selected. Memorial Elementary hosted their fourth Community Garden Workday on April 27, teaming up with Urban Harvest, where families participated in sign painting, mulching, and weeding the garden. HPD had two PIP meetings in May. Central Division's PIP meeting was on Tuesday, May 7, and Citywide's PIP meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Both meetings were from 7:00 - 8:00 am at the HPOU building at 1602 State Street in Old Sixth Ward. Central PIP meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, and Citywide PIP meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn: 8:29 p.m.

Next meeting: May 16, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. – OEM's Public Information Officer, Cory Stottlemeyer, will talk about Hurricane Preparedness, and the upcoming [Extreme Weather Ready Expo](#) on June 8.