

Guests

- Mark Williamson – SN15, Greater Heights
- Jack Valinski – Mayor’s Assistance Office
- George Frey – SN14, Lazybrook/Timbergrove
- Brenda Flores, Rice Military
- Sheri Cortez, Harris County District Attorney’s Office
- Bradley Mushinski, Precinct 4 Commissioner Cagle’s Office
- Jack Cagle, Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner
- Khaliq Mosawi, District C Staff, Council Member Abbie Kamin’s Office
- Andrew J. Kessinger, Houston Public Works
- Angie Granado, Rice Military
- Ariane Cathey, Harris County Tax Office
- David Chin, The Yellow Cup Coffee & Tea
- Derek Wedel, Halff Associates
- Hannah Cobb, City Council Member Alcorn’s Office
- Joan Miller, Rice Military
- Christina Walsh, HD148 Rep. Penny Morales Shaw’s Office
- Johnny Kim, Halff Associates
- Lia Symer, HD134 Rep. Ann Johnson Office
- Matt Tetlow, West End
- Nick McCall, Houston Public Works
- Officer Lucia Vieira, HPD Community Liaison
- Paul Benz, First Ward
- Peggy Helfert, Rice Military
- Vanesa Medrano, District H Staff, Council Member Karla Cisneros
- Roy Lira, Super Neighborhood Alliance
- Yvette Montelongo, Houston Public Works
- Rob Maxwell - SN14, Lazybrook/Timbergrove
- Umer Khan, Houston Public Works
- Mark Goldberg, Harris County Assistant District Attorney
- Roy Lira, Super Neighborhood Alliance

Civic Club Representatives

- Steven Vealy, Camp Logan
- Mike VanDusen, SN22 / Crestwood
- Ian Fortney, Cottage Grove
- Drew Wiley, Cottage Grove
- Mark Kosiara, West End
- Mauri Lucas, West End
- Abby Kincer, SN22 / First Ward
- Dexter Handy, Rice Military
- Stacie Fairchild, SN22 / SNA / Rice Military
- Mark Fairchild, Rice Military / WAPBD

Meeting Minutes | July 21, 2022 @ Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

I. Introductions & Roll Call

II. Acceptance of June 16, 2022 Minutes

- A. A motion was made to accept June minutes, and no corrections were required. Minutes were accepted.

III. Special Election of SN22 Secretary

- A. Jody Wilding, previous secretary, suggested Abby Kincer for the position because she was moving. Steve Vealey headed a Nominations Committee to nominate a new secretary candidate. Steve called for references for Abby, spoke with Abby about her qualifications, and all seemed in order. No other nominations were offered. Steve and Jane nominated Abby Kincer for the SN22 Secretary position. A roll call vote was conducted –

- i. Camp Logan, Steve Vealey – Yes
- ii. Cottage Grove, Ian Fortney – Yes
- iii. Old West End, Mark Kosiara – Yes
- iv. Rice Military, Stacie Fairchild – Yes
- v. Crestwood, Mike VanDusen – Yes
- vi. Washington Avenue Parking Benefits District, Mark Fairchild – Yes

Civic Club representatives unanimously voted Abby Kincer as Secretary.

IV. Presentations

- A. Community Assistance Department, Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle

- i. The Community Assistance Department prides themselves on getting residents connected with someone who can help them. Contact them at 832-927-4444. CAD's fleet is available during hurricane season flooding. The City of Houston is now in the final stages of the Cottage Grove East project planning, which is starting in the winter of 2023. The Colonel in charge of this region in the Army Core of Engineers, Colonel Veil, has made amazing progress on tunnels that can divert water from Buffalo Bayou to the Ship Channel. Concrete and beaver dam removal of the bayous is complete, along with several other bayou-related projects. Contact us if you are having issues with roads that emergency vehicles cannot pass. We love to bring emergency vehicles to community events – please call us if you are having an event and would like us to bring them. CAD has a fund specifically for sidewalks that connect to schools. CAD also works with SPARKS Parks program, which financially supports school parks with the caveat that the park must stay open after school hours for children to use.

- B. Encroachments and SWAT with Houston Public Works, Umer Khan

- i. SWAT (Storm Water Action Team) Transportation and Drainage Operations – in 2017, Mayor Turner rolled out a new initiative to proactively reduce drainage problems that are not directly attributed to overflow from the bayous by rehabilitating and upgrading the existing drainage system to improve conveyance of day-to-day storm events and expanding maintenance capabilities. Project locations are determined by reviewing drainage issues reported from Council District Offices, 311 calls, nonriverine structural flooding locations, and known areas with drainage concerns. Complete and active projects in SN22 include: Rice Military drainage analysis completed on 04/10/2020, 6100 Blossom St off-road ditch completed on 07/22/2020, Woodcrest subdivision drainage analysis completed on 02/05/2021, Rice Military Crooms Street improvements completed on 02/28/2022, Rice Military Blossom / Roy / Reinerman Streets

improvements completed on 05/22/2022, Woodcrest regional drainage analysis currently under way, Woodcrest subdivision Allen / Birdsall / Malone / Asbury Streets roadside ditch pending utility relocations. Planned projects for 2023 include Woodcrest subdivision downstream improvements, Cottage Grove roadside ditch at Kansas / Sherwin, and Beechnut St storm improvements at I-610 to Newcastle St. Challenges include structural encroachments within City's Right-of-Way such as fences, retaining walls, vegetation, unpermitted parking pads and driveways, long run culverts, covering roadside ditches, and obstruction of ditches via illegal dumping and trash deposit. If you know that a ditch has been covered or a pipe obstructed, call or go online to Houston Permit Center to file a complaint. In reference to illegal dumping, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg's office has an Environmental Crimes Division and can help you. If you see a site that needs to be cleaned up, we will send our team to clean it up. Call the DA's office and ask for Mark Goldberg.

V. New Business

- A. Let's Talk Houston has extended the public comment period. Friday July 29 is the final day to provide public comment. Stacie Fairchild has approved these changes for SN22.

VI. Civic Club Representation

- A. Cottage Grove, 2045 Regional Transportation Plan SN22 Impacts – 4 new lanes on I-10 and 2 raised lanes on I-10 from Heights to I-45 – These projects could impact several SN22 neighborhoods and increase noise pollution. Barriers that reduce noise for residences adjacent to I-10 would no longer be there and noise would increase. Cottage Grove motions to send two letters to TxDOT opposing both projects for no-build. Mark Kosiara of West End seconds. A community meeting is being held on July 28 for comment, and public comment is accepted starting July 26 virtually. Impact on no-build, Drew suggests, is business as usual. Mike notes that several SN22 neighborhoods experience cut-through traffic due to I-10 congestion. Drew and Ian note that adding lanes promotes additional traffic. Mike wonders where current traffic will go. Dexter notes that it may be helpful to get data from TxDOT on the project's environmental impact. Parts of the First Ward and Cottage Grove could be taken for this project. The comment period ends August 12, and Stacie suggests that we give neighborhoods an opportunity to attend the public meeting and understand our impact. Mike would like information on how METRO's Inner Katy BRT project would be affected. Voting on whether to send the no-build letters to TxDOT from SN22 –

- i. Camp Logan, Steve Vealey – Yes
- ii. Cottage Grove, Drew Wiley – Yes
- iii. West End, Mark Kosiara – Yes
- iv. First Ward, Abby Kincer – Yes
- v. Rice Military, Stacie Fairchild – No
- vi. Crestwood, Mike VanDusen – No
- vii. WPBD, Mark Fairchild – No

SN22 has approved the sending of the no-build letters to TxDOT.

- B. Rice Military – HDAC is in the process of updating a transportation plan and would like folks to complete a survey online about transportation preferences and behaviors. B-Cycle is celebrating their 10th anniversary and holding deals throughout the city.
- C. An August SN22 meeting will be held this year.

VII. Announcements from City Officials

- A. District C, Council Member Abbie Kamin – Again, the deadline to provide information on redistricting has been extended to July 29.
- B. District H, Vanesa Medrano Council Member Karla Cisneros – August 3 at Moody Park, Council Member Cisneros is hosting a Technology Fair.
- C. Harris County Tax Office – A free property tax workshop is available for communities. A homestead exemption was passed for school taxes. The Commissioner’s court allowed increase exemptions of property owners with disabilities and ages 65+.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mark Kosiara. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Next meeting – August 18, 2022 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom.