Super Neighborhood 22 / Washington Avenue Coalition - Memorial Park Minutes from Meeting held online via ZOOM – May 19, 2022

Guests:

Rhonda Sauter, COH Dept of Neighborhoods Jack Valinski, Mayor's Assistance Office

Gregg Nady, Bike Houston Robyn Egbert, Houston-Galveston Area Council

Kay Walton, SN62 - Midtown Sheri Cortez, Harris County District Attorney's Office

Sofia Gonzalez, Community Impact Newspaper Mark Williamson, SN15 - Greater Heights

Bradley Mushinski, HC Prct. 4, Commissioner R. Jack Cagle John Zavala, SN14, Lazybrook/Timbergrove

Jesus Zamora, Lesley Briones Campaign, HC Pct. 4

Christina Walsh, HD148 Rep., Rep. Penny Morales office

Paul Benz, First Ward

Niraj Shah, First Ward

Civic Club Representatives:

Steve Vealey, Camp Logan Stacie Fairchild, Rice Military/SN22 Vice President

Zachary Hiller, Magnolia Grove Mark Fairchild, Rice Military

Drew Wiley, Cottage Grove Dexter Handy, Rice Military

Mike VanDusen, Crestwood/SN22 President Ross Mattern, West End

Jody Wilding, First Ward/ Secretary SN22 Mark Kosiara, West End

Victor Valencheck, First Ward Sharon Simandl, Woodcrest

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

- I. Introductions
- II. Acceptance of Minutes from Meeting held April 21, 2022
- **III. New Business:**
- **A. SN22 Representatives:** SN22 asked for an updated list of representatives from each civic club. Mike VanDusen rolled out guidelines to ensure our meetings stay on topic and productive.
- **B. Council Redistricting Process & Timeline**: Redistricting is required every 10 years based on the 2020 census. Each district is to have approximately 209,000 in population and no more than 5-10% over or under. District C is over by 15% and District H is under 17% which will impact residents in SN22. Draft maps will be shared in mid-July for public comment. The Super Neighborhood 22 boundary lines of are not affected. View the Redistricting timeline and more information here: https://www.letstalkhouston.org/redistricting
- c. H-GAC Transportation Survey: Robyn Egbert, discussed transportation matters, Washington Ave. will a focus. Study for Washington Ave. Mobility will begin later this year or in early 2023. Planning will include addressing transportation issues as far as 20-30 years i.e., 2045. Everyone is asked to take the survey at www.h-gac.com/rtp by June 20. There will be a public meeting on May 26, 2022 from 6:00 pm 7:30 pm, 3555 Timmons Ln, 2nd floor conference room. A virtual meeting will take place on Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 1:30 pm 3:00 pm. www.H-GAC.COM/TRANSPORTATION-IMPROVEMENT-PROGRAM This covers all of Houston's studies, not just Washington Ave. The Washington study will cover from Houston Ave. to the Washington roundabout, from Washington over to I-10, including issues with Center St. etc. This program includes looking at where cars drive, bike trails, and all types of transportation.
- **D.** Any questions please email Robyn Egbert at robyn.egbert@h-gac.com
- E. METRO Inner Katy BRT: Transportation is long term planning. Funding authorized for \$10B for electric buses. Gregg Nady, shared info on the connection on the trail that connects White Oak, Memorial and Heights. Depending on how they do the BRT will determine how the trails will connect with a bile/pedestrian station at Washington/Westcott to be safe. Zach Hiller, in regards to the Patterson bike trail has only heard positive feedback. Mark Kosiara said no info has been given regarding the noise impact. West End is preparing a letter, a copy has been requested to be supplied to SN22. John Zavala encouraged everyone to support sound barriers etc. Paul Benz also commented that data needs to be supplied. SN22 will consider writing a position letter. Public comment has been extended to May 25th.
- F. Neighborhood Round Robin: First Ward: no updates, Magnolia Grove: no updates, Rice Military: Continuing issues with noise, some changes have finally come after 3 ½ yrs. Effective date of the new sound ordinance changes is September 1st. By law, not allowed to make noise between the hours of 2:00 am to 8:00 am within 300-ft of a residence. West End: restructuring how they handle issues to get things to move more quickly, and neighborhood cleanup is in the planning, continuing to stay engaged with the Katy BRT. Cottage Grove: Bike path opened now, very happy about that, large number of the community came in front of the city and getting results from requesting a CIP for West and Central Cottage Grove, Stacie & Mike strongly urged communities to come together to get things done. Keeping up with managed lanes project. Woodcrest: SN22 Meeting Minutes May 19, 2022

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Starting to see cell towers installed, there is concern and ongoing flooding issues. Stacie commented that CM Kamin is aware of this and following up on what they can and cannot do. The state took away regulation rights away from the city. Crestwood: waiting for updates on the roundabout circle, supporting Memorial Elementary, i.e. attendance is up, families are staying in the neighborhood, very encouraging. Camp Logan: Congrats and thanks to Mark Fairchild for his hard work with the bar situation, roundabout report should be out soon. Transportation issue from Dexter: encourage everyone to attend the Texas Vision Zero Summit virtually;

http://www.visionzerotexas.org/summit to sign up for in person summit at

http://wwwvisionzerotexas.org/registration/ or to sign up for virtual

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN A3gdCguyQ5KUBuLcbuXxTQ

The resilient Sidewalk plan is planning a level study that will look at the current conditions of sidewalks, looking at mobility, drainage and propose strategies.

www.engagehouston.org/resilient-sidewalks

Mark Fairchild, parking issues, talk about having license plate readers in several areas of the Washington corridor. City is deploying several of these as well in different districts. Also working to see who is responsible for the roundabout ie benches etc.

IV. Old Business WRITTEN Reports:

- **A. Bicycle Advisory Committee:** The bridge by the bayou should be finished and fully open by July, extension of Patterson trail has been put on hold due to a TXDOT project.
- B. Planning Commission Update: no update
- C. Quality of Life Committee Update: no update
- D. City Council Members & Dept. Updates: Bradley Mushinski, reminded everyone that hurricane season is right around the corner, will be on hand for rescues if needed and support. 832-927-4444 for any concerns or stuck in a life or death situation. They are 24/7 during a crisis. Jack Valinski, the city has started FY23 budget season and it will be approved on July 1st. If you have any input, reach out to your council person. Reporting to 311 should be fixed by the end of the year. Trains.... The railroad companies don't know where their trains are, the city is trying to come up with some way to track the trains in the city and when trains are stopped blocking neighborhoods. Jack thanked everyone who volunteers to their civic groups and communities. Christina Walsh, thanked everyone as well and asked if info regarding the cell tower issues be emailed to her. Mark Williamson, there are some ideas on how neighboring super neighborhoods can work together on small project, he and Mike will discuss further. Sheri Cortez, gun violence is a major concern, leaving guns out on a countertop, glove boxes etc. please do not be careless with guns. Over 3600 crimes with stolen guns last year, and we are over that and even half way through the year.

E. Super Neighborhood Alliance: no update

V. Announcements, and Open Comments: Mark Kosiara, deadline for Metro comments May 25th, sending comments from West End to SN22 and asked their support. Paul Benz, we don't have any representation because of the way they drew up the TIRZ and have no say in what is being built or what our taxes are paying for. Stacie, Public works has identified our area as a problem area for homeowners impeding water flow in front of their homes. SWAT projects will address these issues.

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VIII. Motion to Adjourn: 8:25 pm

Next meeting: June 16, 2022 @ 6:30 PM.