

Guests:

Leigh Kilgore, SN14 – SN14 – Lazybrook/Timbergrove

Jack Valinski, Mayor’s Assistance Office

Christina Walsh, State Representative Penny Shaw

Lt. Geoffery Weise, TABC Enforcement Division

Kay Walton, SN62 - Midtown

Linda Trevino, METRO Public Affairs

Julia Retta, Council Member Abbie Kamin office, District C

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Civic Club Representatives:

Jim von Suskil, Arlington Court

Steve Vealey, Camp Logan/SN22 Vice President

Mike VanDusen, Crestwood/SN22 President

Mark Williamson, SN15 - Greater Heights

Jody Wilding, First Ward, SN22 Secretary

Isaac Fonseca, Olivewood

David Kelley, Olivewood

Stacie Fairchild, Rice Military/SN22 Vice President

Dexter Handy, Rice Military

Ross Mattern, West End

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

I. Introductions

II. Acceptance of Minutes from Meeting Held on June 17, 2021

III. Presentation:

A. District C Update: Abby Kamin regarding the bar noise, crime and uptick in crime. Her office is in touch with HPD on a regular basis regarding all the issues. Meeting with city prosecutors concerning the gaps and cases being back logged. City has approved more officers. Mayor has met in a closed door meeting regarding the problems with bars. A pilot program Shot Spotter System that detects gun shots. Also looking a camera systems. HPD is working on a citizen information system. Road safety - increase in HPD, all law enforcement agencies, as well as unmarked vehicles and seeing some effectiveness. For more information go to www.houstontx.gov/council/committees/pshs/20210715/safe-roadway-initiative/pdf A stronger noise ordinance is in the process, Mayor Turner is very supportive. Water Bill increases – this was not an easy vote. The city is legally required to upgrade our systems, and these upgrades were not done within a timely manner and EPA was going to fine the City of Houston 7 Billion dollars, the Mayor negotiated to 2 Billion with the upgrades being done within a specific time frame, thus the reason for the increase. These funds from the increase have to be used by law for these upgrades. Leigh Kilgore asked if when the \$2 Billion is reached will the increase go away, no it will not, infrastructure has to be maintained. Shepherd Drive project - will have protected bike lanes, better drainage and better sidewalks when completed, there will be a meeting, flyers will be going out. Residents and businesses that will be impacted will be contacted. This large project will be starting in August. Washington Roundabout – pushing for creative ways to improve and fund this project. With the bricks and severity of the condition, it's going to need complete reconstruction. Railroads – big push at the city to bring the attention of the trains, during the winter storm the trains got stuck blocking thorough fairs, and keeping emergency vehicles getting through. Some areas the trains are sitting all day. A flier will go out on how to report trains. Train track at Oliver St. there is not a quiet zone for that section. Olivewood received a grant and only 40 recipients in the entire nation, this will help restore the cemetery. Huge congratulations.

B. Central Command Update: Sgt. Chad Wall, update on patrols, teams have been out regularly with an increase in funding they received. Things have quieted somewhat. Stacie mentioned Center & Roy with parking issues. HPD inspected clubs and issued 44 citations. TBAC is aware and looking into all the issues and violations. Kay Walton asked the time frame of the inspections, these were done in June. They do them as they are needed ie problems, call ins. ARA and the Health Dept. also go on the inspection. Stacie informed HPD National Night Out meeting and she will forward that info to HPD.

IV. New Business:

A. Detering One Way Project: Public works is involved with these issues and Julia Retta has requested for Detering to be ne way from Washington north to Schuler, requested back in 2019. Has been reviewed and is still being reviewed, looking for public input and having a public meeting. A notice will go out as to when. SN22 at this point to support because of the effects it will have to the neighborhood.

B. Livable Spaces: Julia Retta, SAQ doc.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OhuEb90jHdv3ZBWS8aznRFw3hB7Euxxe/view> Chapter 42 - development laws, reviewing at looking at buffering infrastructure with new development etc. Committee is working with a consult and making recommendations. For more information click on the link above.

C. By-Laws: The current by-laws seemed unclear and a list of organizations from 2004 as recognized neighborhoods which needs to be updated. Items to address are who can vote, how many from each neighborhood and what makes a quorum.

D. Lowering Residential Speed Limit update: Dexter Handy, gave an update, time ran out for the bill to be presented to the senate, however it is still on the radar. There will be a campaign to get drivers to slow down.

IV. Old Business:

A. Bicycle Advisory Committee: Mike VanDusen, The I10 Crossing is on hold due to TXDOT about a year.

B. Planning Commission Updates: Mike VanDusen, no updates

C. Quality of Life Updates: Stacie Fairchild, Bubbas is changing to “Knock Out” which is kind of like Hooters, owner lives in the neighborhood, so hopefully will be a good neighbor.

D. City Council and Department Updates: Linda Trevino, August 3rd all super neighborhood neighborhoods are invited to participate in a work shop 6:00 pm, zoom discussing stations on the inner Katy Alignment, comments have been taken under advisement. August 16th there will be a open public meeting with more details also zoom. Implementing a dedicated bus lane trial on Travis and Milam in August. Diamond lanes will be reinforced.

E. Jack Valenski, 311 application issues with the new system, won't accept pictures larger than 5 mg right now. Waiting for app approval through apple and or google, so that you can do reporting on your phone. There is also going to be a replacement app for solid waste.

F. Super Neighborhood Alliance: SN22 Alliance met and Stacie Fairchild will be heading up a safety committee. Typically SNA do not meet in August, question was raised if there were any objections to having an August meeting. No objections. SNA was in touch with Houston Public Works and asked that the increase be tabled.

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V. Announcements, and Open Comments: David Kelly, the small group in Olivewood is asking who they are to speak with regarding roads, drainage, noise, parking etc. Mike encouraged Olivewood to organize a civic organization.

Dexter Handy, Houston Traffic Safety Coalition, coupon vouchers were posted on various platforms to be used July 4th to get a ride home safely, all coupons were requested.

**Super Neighborhood 22 / Washington Avenue Coalition - Memorial Park
Minutes from Meeting held online via ZOOM – July 15, 2021**



VI. Upcoming Events of Community Interest: No announcements

VII. VIII. Motion to Adjourn: 8:20 pm

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