

Guests

- Cynde Allen, Magnolia Grove
- R.J. Coronado, Senator Carol Alvarado’s Office
- Paul Benz, First Ward
- Alan Isaachsen, Cottage Grove
- Mark Kosiara, West End
- Fred Linder, WOBG
- Roman McAllen, Magnolia Grove
- Robert Mock, HEC Director
- Matt Tetlow, West End
- Jack Valinski, Mayor’s Assistance Office
- Officer Lucy Vieira, HPD Community Liaison
- Cindy Viveros, Amanda Edwards Campaign
- Jim von Suskil, Arlington Court
- Kay Walton, Midtown
- Mark Williamson, Greater Heights

Civic Club Representatives

- Stacie Fairchild, SN22 / Rice Military
- Dexter Handy, SN22 / Rice Military
- Mike VanDusen, Crestwood
- Neil Bremner, Crestwood
- Drew Wiley, Cottage Grove
- Jill Metcalf, Cottage Grove
- Mark Fairchild, WAPBD / Rice Military
- Kathryn Underhill, Magnolia Grove
- David Sims, Camp Logan
- Steven Vealey, Camp Logan

Meeting Minutes | March 16, 2023 @ Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

I. Introductions & Roll Call

II. Acceptance of Minutes

No questions on the February and March minutes. Dexter Handy moved to approve. Mark Fairchild seconded.
February and March minutes passed as written.

III. Presentations

A. Houston Emergency Center – Robert Mock, HEC Director

The mission of the Houston Emergency Center is to receive calls from citizens regarding emergencies occurring in Houston and to dispatch the appropriate Police, Fire, and EMS assets to those emergencies in an expeditious and efficient manner. HEC typically receives over 2 million 911 calls for service each year, over 600,000 police non-emergency calls, and over 9,000 texts to 911. Over 70,000 of these calls required foreign language translation. The same call-takers are utilized to answer 911 and police non-emergency calls, though 911 emergency calls take precedence for staffing. The goal is to answer 90% of all calls in 15 seconds or less; they are currently at 83%. Average time to answer police non-emergency calls is 3.24 minutes. HEC is currently experiencing a 35% vacancy rate.

Stacie Fairchild asked how many call takers are there per shift. Minimum staffing for 911 call-takers is

approximately 20 during the day and 28 at night. When a non-emergency call comes in, what happens when the call is turned over to a dispatcher? In terms of loud noise, it will get a priority code from 1 through 6. Loud noise calls are usually a priority 4, depending on individual circumstances. There can be a queue time when the call is with dispatch if there is no unit available to run the call.

Mark Kosiara asked if people can text the non-emergency line. No, there is no text service for non-emergency currently.

B. Crime Update – HPD Officer Lucy Vieira

Officer Vieira saw that there were concerns in neighborhood Facebook pages about the shootings at Walmart in April. These were not random crimes – one was most likely a targeted situation and the other was several out-of-town teens arguing. In both incidents, the victims are ok.

Some gun safes will be given out to the community during a Central PIP meeting over the summer; keep an eye on those emails to hear when to receive your gun safe in person, and at one per household.

IV. **New Business**

A. White Oak Bayou Greenway Initiative – Fred Lindner

The WOBG team has concerns about the I-10 expansion currently threatening the White Oak Bayou and its walking path and forest. The ask is to preserve the area along the MKT trail and bayou as a city park so that I-10 cannot expand over this large area of nature. Several local organizations are on board to support this effort. Individual citizens can also sign the petition.

SN22 held a vote on whether to support this initiative as an organization. **Per the vote, SN22 will write a letter of support of this effort.**

B. Arlington Court, Candidate for SN22 Addition – Jim von Suskil

Arlington Court is a group of 67 homes located on the corner of Crestwood and Memorial Drive that would like to become an official voting member of SN22. Areas of interest for this community include drainage, congestion, unkempt bicycle paths, Washington/Westcott roundabout, and Memorial Park. Arlington Court is not part of any other neighborhood; it is its own entity within the boundaries of SN22. Jim is part of the Arlington Court homeowner's association.

Mark Kosiara's concern about admitting Arlington Court is that it only represents 67 homes with a single vote, whereas other organizations represent 400-500 homes with a single vote. Additionally, are there any concerns about including an HOA as a voting body?

Jack Valinski notes that there's not a perfect Super Neighborhood – some don't have any civic clubs involved, others include HOAs and businesses. You can do what's best for you.

SN22 held a vote on whether to move forward with accepting Arlington Court as an SN22 voting

member. **Per the results, SN22 will complete an official vote to bring Arlington Court into the voting body at the May 2023 meeting.**

C. Walk Audit Planning, Transportation Committee, & America Walks – Dexter Handy

SN22 is completing a walk audit along Washington Avenue, from I-10 to past Houston Ave. Dexter is still looking for volunteers.

The SN22 Transportation Committee’s goal is to advocate for and follow transit/transportation issues that improve the quality of life for the community. Dexter is looking for more volunteers for the committee – reach out to him if you’re interested.

America Walks is an organization that supports walkability and is helping SN22 complete our Walk Audit study by educating us on advocating and lobbying for better walkability, sidewalks, complete streets, etc.

D. Livable Places – Stacie Fairchild

The Planning Department is asking for feedback on Livable Places updates – see the information in the SN22 email for more information.

E. SN22 Happy Hour – Stacie Fairchild

Stacie proposes that happy hour occur on the 4th week of each month and asks for feedback on when the April happy hour should take place. Stacie suggests Wednesday, April 26 starting at 5:30 PM. Happy hour will be held at that date and time.

V. City Council Members & Department Updates

- A. Jack Valinski – A new bill with the Texas House of Representatives, House Bill 2127, could be of concern to cities who have higher regulations than the state, which could affect noise ordinances, trash issues, etc.

VI. Adjourn

- A. Dexter Handy moves to adjourn the meeting. Steven Vealey seconded. **The meeting is adjourned at 8:09 PM.**