

SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 22 COUNCIL AGENDA

February 14, 2011 MEETING

- I. Call to Order and Introductions 6:30pm**
- II. Approval of minutes from January 10th meeting (5 minutes)**
- III. Old Business (20 minutes)**
 - a. Election of Officers – By unanimous vote the 2011 officers will be;**
 - i. President: Jane Cahill-West (Final term in this position)**
 - ii. Vice President: Tom Dornbusch (Final term in this position)**
 - iii. Secretary: Paul Nicosia (First term in this position)**
 - iv. Treasurer: Phyllis Thomason (First term in this position)**
 - b. Update on effort regarding Spec's and Twin Liquor's applications for variances from alcohol free school zone ordinance: Variances are being sought by Spec's Liquors to operate a retail store at Washington and Westcott within 1,000 feet of Memorial Elementary School, and by Twin Liquors to operate a warehouse distribution facility within 1,000 feet of Crockett Elementary School. Many years ago, at HISD's request, the City of Houston passed an ordinance which prohibits certain sales of alcohol within 1,000 feet of a public school. Previous HISD Superintendant Saavedra and present Superintendant Grier have both written letters expressing HISD's opposition to the variance requests and strong support for strict enforcement of the alcohol-free school zone ordinance. On Monday, January 31, 2011, SN 22 representatives attended a meeting at CM Edward Gonzalez' office during which City Attorney David Feldman stated that members of his staff are working with Specs, Twin Liquors, and their respective attorneys to draft variances for presentation to City Council. A committee was formed to investigate the facts and recommend what, if any, action the SN 22 council should take regarding these variance requests. The committee will be lead by Kathy Vossler and will include Jim Simmons and Steve Vealey from Camp Logan, and Tamra Pierce from the First Ward.**
 - c. Update on Livable Centers Grant for Washington Avenue Corridor: To date approximately \$21,000, of the \$60,000 in local match dollars have been collected by Better Houston. This includes monies from several SN22 Civic Clubs, including Woodcrest, Rice Military, Crestwood, Camp Logan, Westwood Grove, West End, Magnolia Grove, and Old 6th Ward. Additionally, The Washington on Westcott (WOW) has donated monies to this effort. Fundraising should be completed by the end of March, at which time HGAC will release an RFP for professional design services. A fundraiser will be held at Caceres townhomes on February 17th at 5:30pm.**
- IV. New Business (5 minutes)**
 - a. Candidate Jennifer Pool introduced herself and discussed her candidacy for City of Houston At Large Seat #2.**
- V. Announcements: (5 minutes)**
 - a. February 15th at 5:00pm – Tolerance Exhibit opening at corner of Studemont and Allen Parkway to reveal new sculptures.**

- b. City of Houston CIP meeting for District H will be on February 22nd at Jeff Davis H.S. at 6:00pm**
- c. City of Houston CIP meeting for District G will be on February 23rd at Tracy Gee Community Center at 6:00pm**
- d. Cottage Grove Civic Club will host a presentation on: "Low Impact Development" on February 22nd during their normal Civic Club meeting. Stevenson elementary school at 6:00pm**
- e. 007 Democrats will be meeting on February 21st at Dharma Café, 1718 Houston Ave, and their guest speaker will be George Grenias. \$20.00 cover includes dinner.**
- f. Houston Walk for Mental Awareness is tentatively scheduled for October 15th at Stude Park. Civic Clubs are encouraged to form teams for this 5K walk.**

VI. Adjournment: 7:00pm