

July 2025 Meeting Summary

Meeting Date

July 17, 2025

Meeting Title

Super Neighborhood 22 (SN22) Meeting

Attendees and Civic Club Representatives

- Mike McCauley (Woodcrest)
- Caitlin Conner (Olivewood)
- Mike Van Dusen (Crestwood)
- Jack Valinski (SN24 Neartown/Montrose President)
- Steve Vealey (Camp Logan)
- James Ronje (DON/Mayor's Assistance Office)
- Mark Fairchild (Rice Military/ Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District)
- Matt Smith (City of Houston Controller's Office, Rice Military)
- Charles Cook (Descendents of Olivewood)
- Margott Williams (Descendents of Olivewood)
- Colin Gary (METRO)
- Tim Engel (Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church)
- Lt. Geoffery Weise (TABC Enforcement)
- Russell Etherton (District H Council Member Castillo's Office)
- Bobbi Jo Sikora (Cottage Grove)
- Stacie Fairchild (SN22 President)
- Amanda Edwards (CD18 Candidate)
- Alejandra Salinas (ATL-4 Candidate)
- Ross Mattern (West End)
- Dexter Handy (SN22 Vice President/Rice Military)
- Brian Bottorff (Magnolia Grove)
- Charles Stein (AT&T)

A quorum was established for the purpose of taking actions during this meeting.

Main Topics Discussed

1. Technology & Accessibility Committees – Caitlin Conner:

- Disability advocate, Houston Commission on Disabilities, nonprofit leader.
- Serves on Mayor's Roundtable for Disaster Readiness.

- Shared lived experience with disability as context for resilience and advocacy.

2. Creation of New Committees Proposed:

- Technology Committee:

- Responsible for website maintenance, alerts, and civic communication.
- Aims to improve transparency and new resident onboarding.

- Accessibility Committee:

- Proposed to coordinate with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities.
- Goal is to proactively plan for inclusive infrastructure and readiness.

3. Olivewood Cemetery's 150th Anniversary:

- Planning underway for 2026 event with focus on education and preservation.
- Community participation and SN22 support encouraged.

4. Houston CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program:

- Residents encouraged to register for disaster preparedness training.
- Potential integration with SN22 emergency readiness strategy.

Actions Voted On

No formal actions or votes were taken at this meeting except the June 2025 Meeting Minutes were accepted as written and approved by stakeholders. Committee proposals were discussed and feedback was encouraged.

Committee Updates

Technology Committee:

- Proposed as SN22's digital backbone for sharing events, updates, and resources.

Accessibility Committee:

- Proposed as a pioneering SN committee focused on universal design and liaison with MOPD.

Event Announcements

- Olivewood Cemetery 150th Anniversary Planning (2026) – Volunteers needed
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training opportunities citywide

Key Takeaways

The July SN22 meeting introduced two forward-thinking committee ideas—Technology and Accessibility. Caitlin Connor's presentation inspired conversation around inclusion, resilience, and community visibility. Neighborhood involvement is key to shaping these new efforts and enhancing emergency response, digital communication, and preservation planning.