

## **ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Final Minutes December 8, 2010**

The meeting of the Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood Council (EWOSNC) was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Diane Guillerman.

**I. Speaker** – Presentation by HPD’s Training Academy, “Shoot/Don’t Shoot.” Captain Lentschke, police captain in HPD since 2004, has worked at the police training academy for new cadets. Our trainers are the “go to” guys for use of force issues. She presented Officer Terry Bradley who showed us an overview of use of force training. There is an 8 hour course for going over laws and rules, and the cadets must show mastery. Then cadets go through practical scenarios, judging the type and amount of force to use. The training uses a simulator to show things that can be done physically. Cadets also need to have the ability to diffuse conflict, know whether or not to discharge a firearm, and to judge if they did get the suspect. The simulator uses real guns with a laser to show shots. The officers discussed department policy and talked about how unrealistic cop shows are. The question to ask is what is the amount of force allowed to affect an arrest? An officer must use objective reasoning. An officer can use deadly force if the officer can articulate the immediacy of serious bodily injury to self or a third party. In certain scenarios multiple shots may be fired by multiple officers. Decisions are based on the information officers have at that moment. Officers do not shoot to kill; they shoot to stop the activity. Several super neighborhood members volunteered to try the simulator in scenarios where decisions had to be made to stop or deflect immediate danger in a given situation.

### **II. Guest Introductions**

There were no guest introductions

### **III. Announcements from the City Representative(s)**

No representative present for announcements at this time

### **IV. Old Business**

**A. Approve November minutes**—the members present approved the November minutes. The members also approved slight changes to the July minutes and to the October minutes, as follows:

**July 2010 minutes** – amended in Section II., fourth paragraph – to read “Virgie Manning stated she had a problem communicating with 311 to make a report because she was told later they had system problems. Mr. Pennington advised her to call neighborhood protection. She also wanted to report a billboard violation which she stated is handled by sign administration. 311 will give you the phone number.” Remaining July minutes stay the same.

**October 2010 minutes** – amended in Section III., B. 3. – to read “There are still 4 old graffiti issues and grass cutting issues. The billboard on Westheimer and Synott needs to be repaired.” The remaining October minutes say the same.

There was a brief discussion regarding Robert’s Rules of Order, and how to avoid the side conversations that sometimes start up. It was agreed that a speaker would have the floor and when he was done, hands would go up if anyone else wanted to speak and you have to wait to be recognized by the president.

### **B. Committee reports:**

1. **Security (Bob Sumicek)** analysis on districts G70 and G80, one rape at Briar Forest and Enclave apartments. Most of crime comes from apartments. Thefts went up 27 in G70 and 62 in G80

2. **SNAP/Infrastructure (Judy Thompson)** this committee will stay in after the meeting tonight to go over snap issues. The committee is concerned about the traffic lane from Briar Forest to Hwy 6. They want to have two lanes turning left. This proposal has been denied by the City. A suggestion was made to contact Mr. Pennington's office and to contact all the at large council members.

3. **Beautification (Virgie Manning)** items of graffiti still not fixed; Meadowbriar has dumping problems, also has a barricade, but trucks can get in. The City is not being helpful. There is a permanent barricade and the City doesn't want to fix it. A suggestion was made to get in touch with Councilman Pennington. He wants to see where the dumping is taking place. There is graffiti at Hartz Chicken at the corner of Briargreen and Westheimer, and the side of a Church, just east of that intersection. There is also some on the side of a Handy stop, and on garbage dumpsters. Along Westheimer, large empty lots have not been cut. The shopping center on Dairy Ashford had a burned store; it's difficult to know if it is being cleaned up. The billboard on Westheimer and Synott continues to be in disrepair and is a safety issue. After 180 days the sign owner can be ticketed unless the owner can show a contract with a sign repair company that repairs them. Ms. Manning stated that a new business is moving in there and she was told it would be cleaned up and used by the new business.

4. **Flooding and Drainage Committee (Billie Long)** no report

5. **Legislative (Doug Parrish)** no report

6. **Speakers Committee (Maria Galitos)** no report

**C. Amend By-Laws:**

The committee voted and agreed to eliminate the position of corresponding secretary from the by-laws. The amendment was read at last month's meeting.

**D. Committee member volunteers:**

Ms. Guillerman announced that our by-laws require at least 3 members on each committee. Committees 4, 5, and 6 are affected, and she will notify the chairs on those committees that they need to appoint 2 more members.

**VI. New Business**

There was a discussion of SN's 2011 goals and direction, issues and suggestions. Bob Sumicek would like to sponsor neighborhood directors and boards training sessions; can have attorneys talk to neighborhoods about what can be done legally, what's involved in property rights and bring more subdivisions into the super neighborhood. Ms. Guillerman noted that the issue was discussed at the last meeting and Mr. Sumicek needs to contact Butler and Hailey, as discussed previously. Ms. Guillerman will not be running again for president. Mr. Sumicek stated he will run for the president's seat. That would open up the vice president position. We need new delegate letters in January for delegates to be able to vote.

Announcements (New delegate letters due in January 2011). Adjourn 8:57 pm.

Next Meeting – No speaker – SN officer Election (pres., possibly vice pres.); Wednesday, January 12, 2010 – at 7:00 pm (AC Classroom of Eagle's Trace Retirement Community).