

Minutes from the meeting of April 8, 2015 – Super Neighborhood #17

I. Call to order at 7:01 p.m. at Eagles Trace Retirement Community

II. Speaker:

Greg Meyers – HISD Board Trustee for District VI

Mr. Meyers spoke to the group regarding the latest information on the school rezoning issue, including his proposed amendment which would give students in the Briar Village subdivision the option to attend Barbara Bush if classroom space is available. Mr. Meyers explained how difficult this issue has been, especially since this is the largest rezoning effort to hit the southern part of HISD in several years. After the March public meetings that were held throughout the Houston area, including the one at Paul Revere Middle School, the decision was made by HISD's Board to put the rezoning issue on hold for further investigation. The Board realized creative options were needed before a final decision could be made for several schools. One such creative option for the west Houston area would be to turn Shadowbriar into a magnet school. This would help fill this much underused school and also give parents the choice of their "zoned" school or Shadowbriar. The Board is now planning to meet in May to vote on the rezoning issue, which includes Mr. Meyer's proposed amendment.

III. Announcements:

Deanna Harrington – Jim Murphy's office – Ms. Harrington stated that the legislature was more than half way through their session and there were several big bills on the floor. She also stated that the House website had good information for anyone who wanted more details.

District F – Dylan Osborne – Mr. Osborne handed out District F newsletters to everyone and encouraged people to join their email list, either by text or email, in order to receive these newsletters. He stated that their office is still working with District G on the homeless situation and encouraged people to send thoughts regarding this topic to their office. It was also discussed that the best way to report any issues of this nature is to call the non-emergency number which is 713-884-3131.

District G – Mark Kirschke – Mr. Kirschke reported the following:

- The money that was allocated for panhandling/homeless issues has either been given to HPD or is in the process of getting to HPD.
- \$50K has been approved for District G SNAP projects and Mr. Kirschke has met with PWE to present our priorities.
- The Parks Department has agreed to mulch the trees along the Dairy Ashford medians.
- Everyone who has city garbage service should have received their single stream green totes by now.

- Although sidewalks are the responsibility of homeowners, the city has implemented some measures to make this process easier and more cost effective for homeowners. The city will now waive all permit fees and bond requirements if homeowners use a city approved contractor.

Rhonda Sauter- City

- In attendance but nothing to report

IV. Old Business

A. A motion was made by Doug Parrish and voted upon and approved to change the following from the March minutes:

“A SN delegate made a motion that the SN would support an amendment to the HISD rezoning proposal to not rezone Briar Village. The motion was carried. D. Parrish will contact all HISD trustees to advise them of SN 17’s support of the proposed rezoning with an amendment. (As a follow up, HISD cancelled the proposed vote).”

TO:

“A SN delegate made a motion that SN 17 1) support the adoption by HISD Board of proposal F2 – the revised zoning proposal for Barbara Bush Elementary School among others; and 2) if, and when, an amendment might be offered which would allow Briar Village to re-argue its re-zoning to Barbara Bush Elementary School, then SN 17 would support that. The motion was carried. D. Parrish will contact all HISD trustees to advise them of SN 17’s support of the proposed rezoning with a possible amendment. (As a follow-up, HISD cancelled the proposed vote).”

Other changes to the March minutes included:

Beautification – This should state that “V. Manning stated 3 CIP requests were made regarding parks: two for acquisition and one for the extension of the trail along Bush Park.”

Flooding – change line 2 to read: “ponding issues on Richmond, between Meadway and Ashford Park.

March minutes were then approved.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Beautification – Virgie Manning reported that trees have been planted along Briar Forest from Eldridge to Enclave. Trees are still needed on Dairy Ashford from Westheimer to Richmond and on Richmond from Westchase District to West Houston Center.

2. SNAP – Judy Thompson was present, but had nothing to report.

3. Security – Johnny Lozano reported that he had attended the last PIP meeting and identify theft was discussed. It was stated that mailing checks for bills was dangerous and it was better to pay bills online. Mr. Lozano also stated there was under-reporting for violent crimes in the Houston area.

4. Homeless – Jack O’Conner stated that he will no longer be able to chair the homeless committee for our super neighborhood.

V. New Business:

A. Announcements – None

B. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.