

# ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS Super Neighborhood Council Meeting

## Draft Minutes July 13, 2011

The meeting of the Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood Council (EWOSNC) was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

### I. **Speakers** –State Representative Jim Murphy.

Mr. Murphy stated that the economy is doing well in Texas. He said that more dollars went into schools than expected and that it was only a difference of 5% less of what was asked for.

**Council Member Pennington**, who attended the meeting, wanted to inform the committee about the event honoring Donald Perkins from the City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Mr. Pennington said that he is the Drainage Committee Chairman and that expenditures remain the same at about 140 million. He also stated that the Department of Public Works is trying to resolve issues with the website so drainage issues could be reported that there are a lot of infrastructure needs all over the city.

He also said that the approved budgets for the coming fiscal year are the General Fund and the Enterprise Funds, but he also said that all budgets have to be balanced. Pension payments are the biggest trouble.

Council Member Pennington also wanted to let the committee know that there is a public meeting on highrise issues on the 22nd of July at 2:30.

He said that the Red Camera issues are that a Judge has invalidated the November election to take the cameras down.

### II. **Old Business**

**A. Approve June minutes**— Minutes were approved.

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

**1. Security (Bob Sumicek)** Bob Sumicek.

There was theft at the West Oaks Mall. Crime has increased 10% over last year.

**2. SNAP/Infrastructure (Judy Thompson)** Judy Thompson announced that a concrete patch is to repair Enclave Parkway and that trees have been mulched on Dairy Ashford.

**3. Beautification (Diane Guillerman)** Dianne said that the Exxon on Westheimer and Hwy 6 has been torn down. The dumping on Westheimer has not been addressed. Dumping on Meadowbriar has been taken care of. Homeless issue in the area has been egregious. She said that the best thing we can do is not give the homeless money.

**4. Flooding and Drainage Committee (Billie Long)**

Mr. Long discussed the fact that rebuildhouston.org is the website to refer to if one wants to dispute taxation. He pointed to the fact that the website allows you to trace impervious sites. He also informed

us that 20 thousand requests for reevaluation have been submitted and all but 500 have been resolved.

**5. Legislative (Doug Parrish)** There was discussion to amend the bylaws of the Super Neighborhood to not have meetings July and August as those months are vacation months.

**6. Speakers Committee (Maria Galitos)** Keith Bynam, Assistant Director with the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will be the August 10 speaker.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 10, 2011 – at 7:00 pm (AC Classroom of Eagle's Trace Retirement Community).