

Minutes
Eldridge/West Oaks Super Neighborhood Meeting
October 14, 2015

I. The meeting was called to order by Doug Parrish at 7:10 p.m.

II. Speakers present were:

Dr. Kendall Baker – Candidate for District F

Dr. Baker introduced himself as a candidate in the upcoming election. He gave a brief bio which included 29 years of experience in Houston city government. He once managed the 311 help line.

Clark Martinson – Mr. Martinson gave a power point presentation of future plans for the Energy Corridor. There are currently 12 office buildings under construction in the Energy Corridor and much growth is projected within the next several years. Due to this future expansion, the Energy Corridor Management Group felt they needed a master plan which would provide better mobility and quality of life for those who live and work in the Energy Corridor. Therefore, they hired a company out of Boston called the Sasaki Group to provide this master plan. This plan would include better land use, new parks, bike lanes, offices, restaurants, the redesign of intersections and additional new streets to help alleviate traffic. Although these changes would take place over the next 30 years, small steps could be taken in the near future to help with mobility. One of these steps includes changes to the Metro bus system where Park and Ride buses from areas of Katy would stop at the location at I10 and Hwy 6. A “circulator” (shuttle) would be available to transport people from this Park and Ride location to offices within the Energy Corridor. If approved, this could happen within the next 2 years.

III. Announcements from District F & G, City, Metro, Repr. Murphy

Councilman Nguyen of District F was present and spoke about his candidacy for the upcoming election and his hopes for being re-elected for a second term. He gave a brief bio which included his coming with his family to the U.S. from Vietnam when he was 11 years old. Councilman Nguyen also mentioned that during his tenure as Councilman for District F, he used some of his budget money for extra police protection and lowered property taxes.

District G - Absent

Metro – Margaret Dunlap spoke about the new services and routes that Metro now provides. Metro is still working on areas that need bus shelters. She also mentioned that Transit Day is October 23rd.

Repr. Murphy – Absent

IV. Old Business:

A. John Lozano made a motion to approve the minutes from September's meeting and Doug Parrish seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Beautification – No report

2. SNAP – No report

3. Security and Long Range Planning – Johnny Lozano reported that most crimes had decreased except for murders, which had increased by 33 % in areas 19 and 20.

4. Flooding – No report

5. Homeless – It was reported that our homeless committee would be getting together with other Super Neighborhoods in the area to start their own homeless committees. This is to raise this issue in the greater Houston area, and not just our neighborhood.

V. New Business:

A. Announcements – None

B. Adjournment - 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 11, 2015