

Minutes from the meeting of January 14, 2015 – Super Neighborhood 17

- I. Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. Announcements: District F, City & State:
 - A. Mayor's Liaison, Rhonda Sauter –
 - S.N.A.P. requests have been pushed back to the end of January; CIP meetings will be held from February 9, 2015 through March 5, 2015. [SN 17 has turned in twenty S.N.A.P. requests, there are five left] If road panels need to be fixed, take a picture so that the City is not continuing to merely patch the problem.
 - B. District F Representative, Dylan Osborne –
 - Councilmembers are involved with charter review sessions (one issue being looked at is the property tax cap). A new justice center is being discussed; there are serious structural issues in the current buildings at 1200 Travis and the Lubbock building; there are different proposals regarding funding the building of the justice center; feedback is welcome.
 - C. State Representative, Jim Murphy's representative –
 - The State Legislature is in session, so if you have any issues, please contact his office.
- III. Speakers: No speakers this month.
- IV. METRO Representative –Margarita Dunlap
 - Ms. Dunlap reported that METRO is completing its reimagine program; approval of the program has been delayed, but the June 2015 implementation date remains the same. The Westside will have a lot of changes once the plan is implemented.
- V. Old Business:
 - A. Committee Reports:
 1. Beautification: V. Manning stated there is a dumpster issue at 13326 Westheimer (Tile Zone); Oliver Pennington's office is aware of it. She is meeting with a representative from District F soon regarding some issues.
 2. S.N.A.P.: J. Thompson stated there are five S.N.A.P. requests left, so if you are aware of any issues that could be addressed through S.N.A.P., let her know.
 3. Security: Johnny Lozano stated there was no P.I.P. meeting last month (December), but there is a meeting in January.

4. Flooding: B. Long was absent – no report.

5. Homeless: Jack O'Connor reported that legislation is being considered regarding the homeless. HPD is currently looking at the issue. Maddie Provost (with HPD) wants to look into a getting the real homeless into a facility; the majority are drug users and don't want assistance. But the "solicitors" need to be off the street. They often pose safety issues when panhandling on the streets. Some of the solicitors need assistance. Dianne Williams stated she was impressed that Ms. Provost wants HPD officers to meet the people and get some statistics on the homeless population, based on an anti-gang model. They are considering billboards encouraging people not to give money to the solicitors. The committee is very grateful to Oliver Pennington and Representative Nguyen for recognizing the issue and taking action.

B. Minutes:

1. Approved the minutes from November.

VI. New Business:

1. There is a meeting regarding a transportation project called 2040 and involves long-range planning for roads, buses, etc.; most of the push is to go west and southwest. It is spear headed by the Houston-Galveston Council, but is in partnership with METRO. Go to www.mywesthouston.com for more information.

VII. Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m.:

A. A change to the bylaws was proposed; specifically to section 5.5 regarding the delegate letter. They will no longer be required to submit a letter on an annual basis, only when the delegate is changed. (The exact language is available on the SN's website.) The change will be voted on at the February meeting. If there are any questions or comments regarding this proposed change, contact Doug Parrish.

B. Election of secretary and president: Sherry Lamb and Diane Guillerman were elected as co-secretaries again and Doug Parrish was re-elected as the SN's president.

C. Another proposed change to by-laws is to not have a meeting in December. There was some discussion as to whether that change had already been made – just in case, it will be voted on at February meeting if it has not already been made.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is February 11, 2015.