

## **Minutes from the meeting of November 11, 2015 – Super Neighborhood 17**

- I. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. The Boy Scouts from Troop 993 were introduced to the Super Neighborhood attendees. They were present to take minutes and observe the meeting.
- III. There were no speakers, however, Greg Travis, District G's new representative on City Council introduced himself to the attendees. He said he will work on behalf of West Houston and his other constituents in District G. Mr. Travis also encouraged everyone to vote in the runoff on December 12, 2015, and asked everyone to encourage friends and family to vote. He noted that the firefighter and police pensions are a very important issue to the City's future and Bill King, a candidate for Mayor in the runoff, will be effective in attempting to address the pension issue.

Early voting for the runoff begins December 2, 2015 and goes through December 8, 2015.

### IV. Representatives' Announcements:

#### A. District G Representative, Oliver Pennington –

Councilmember Pennington also noted that he is supporting Bill King in the Mayoral runoff. Both he and Bill King have similar perspectives regarding budget issues and the pensions issue will be greater as the deficit goes up.

He noted that Bill King is running against Sylvester Turner; in District F, for council representative, incumbent Richard Nguyen is running against Steve Le; for controller, Bill Frazer, a CPA, is running against Chris Brown; At Large #1 representative: Mike Knox is running against Georgia Provost; At-Large #2: David Robinson running against Willie Davis; At-Large #4: Amanda Edwards is running against Roy Morales; and At-Large #5: Jack Christie is running against Sharon Moses.

Pennington noted that this is his final Super Neighborhood meeting because he will be wrapping his official duties up in December. He has enjoyed working with the Super Neighborhood and noted the SN is adept at working with the City to address problems within the SN. The attendees applauded Councilmember Pennington's commitment to the Super Neighborhood and his exemplary service to District G. He and his staff are meeting with Greg Travis to assist in the transition of Travis assuming District G responsibilities.

He encouraged all to continue to report matter to 311. You can do so online, by email, or through phone app. If you report something, get a number and if the issue is not addressed, his office and Greg Travis's office will follow-up using that number.

You can keep track of and inquire into public works projects at [pwecip@houstontx.gov](mailto:pwecip@houstontx.gov) or 832-395-2090.

B. District F Representative, Dylan Osborne –

Mr. Osborne noted that the City will most likely be purchasing body cameras for police officers. The City is also developing a space port at Ellington Field. The focus of the effort will be the commercialization of space and those Houstonians interested in traveling into space will, at some time, be able to do so from Ellington Field.

He also noted the City has entered into a contract to develop solar power for the City.

C. Jim Murphy's Representative, Deanna Harrington –

Ms. Harrington informed the SN of the West Houston Team Leadership Summit for junior and senior high school kids. Seventeen schools are sending delegates. Individuals from other schools in the district can be nominated to participate. There will be numerous workshops regarding leadership skills, entrepreneurship, policy, and other topics. Some of the speakers include Bill White, George Strake, Linda Lorelle, and Jim Granada.

V. New Business:

A. Bill Schwind:

Mr. Schwind, the Lakes of Parkway SN representative, spoke about the ever worsening traffic on Eldridge. He noted there are 1,000 apartments between Highway 6 and Eldridge. There was only one entrance/exit to Lakes of Parkway and the City opened up Briarbrook to Eldridge, and Whittington is open through to Dairy Ashford. This has provided some relief to Lakes of Parkway residents, but there is a lot of speeding and traffic on Eldridge. Residents requested the City put a traffic light at Briarbrook and Eldridge. The City did a traffic study and has proposed making Whittington and Briarbrook right turn lanes only with an S-turn configuration. The residents in Lakes of Parkway are forming a committee to address the City's proposal as they believe it will only make traffic on Eldridge in those areas worse.

The City's proposal will impact any residents who use Eldridge. To join the committee and help in the process, email Evelyn Harding at [evelyngharding@aol.com](mailto:evelyngharding@aol.com).

Oliver Pennington suggested the Energy Corridor be contacted to see if they can help.

VI. Old Business:

A. Approved minutes from October, 2015.

B. Committee Reports:

Beautification: No report.

311/SNAP: Judy Thompson stated there was no 311 report, but the SNAPS that have not been completed have been sent to Mark Kirschke, with Councilmember Pennington's office, to follow-up. Mr. Pennington stated that the SNAPS will get done; his office is trying to clean-up all SNAPS in the service budget.

Security: No report.

Homeless/Panhandler: Johnny Lozano reported that the police have not been very active in the area lately because they are waiting for the election to be completed due to the fact there was a candidate stating he would end the "don't feed" ordinance. Also, the money provided by District G and District F towards addressing the panhandler problem has run out.

The SN17 Homeless Committee is working with the SN City wide group to establish homeless committees in each of the SNs, to come up with a cohesive approach to the issue throughout the City. Also, the City is working on an ordinance that will be comprehensive without violating constitutional rights. So far, the police and the City have done a good job addressing truly homeless vets and individuals.

Jack O'Connor suggested a committee to get HOAs together, to discourage panhandling, and to care for the esplanades. It was noted the City already has an "adopt an esplanade" program.

C. Cindy Yeglin joined the SN as a representative for Shadow Lakes.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is January 13, 2016, which will include the annual meeting.