

Minutes of Meeting

April 11, 2012

The meeting was opened @ 7:00PM with a quorum in attendance. We had 3 policemen from the Westside command station to speak regarding the homeless situation on the west side and burglary prevention.

The police make regular patrols/visits to the Hiway 6 and Westheimer general area, and specifically the Burlington Coat Factory area which is an active area for the homeless. The police offer to take homeless persons to a shelter in the downtown area, but most do not want to go. There are not any shelters on the west side of Houston. There is not a law for being homeless, but there is for panhandling.

Burglary cannot always be stopped in your home and car, but there are steps you can take to help prevent it from happening:

Be aware of your surroundings and know your neighbors and their cars.

Do not leave anything you do not want stolen in plain sight in your car.

No landscaping by your doors or windows that will shield an intruder.

Install outdoor lighting/motion detectors that will light up entry ways.

Lock your gate/s and use fences where appropriate, but leave visible your house and entrances.

Install where possible an alarm system that includes glass breakage and motion detectors for your house.

Councilman Pennington reviewed the following items under discussion with the City Council:

1. Upcoming city budget and assessments hearing.
2. Fiduciary issues re city pensions.
3. The Rebuild Committee-continue to look at the cost/efficiency benefits.
4. Examine the International Terminal @ Hobby AP Proposal.
5. Re-examine the flood control issue & alternatives balanced against the "Save the Forest" issue.

Committee Reports: The only reports referenced SNAP and beautification.

SNAP: The City has a new person in charge of landscaping; another new relationship to form.

Beautification: Virgie has been successful; one last area for cleanup; Xavier is pushing the City.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned @ 8:10PM

