

Memo to: Doug Parrish
From: Co-Secretary – Sherry Lamb
Date: February 13, 2013
Re; Minutes from meeting

January meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. at Eagles Trace Location

Mark Kirschke from Councilman Oliver Pennington's office brought greetings and news updates. Civic Associations – make sure you are registered. You will receive information from the city but only if you are registered. Make sure the contact information is updated frequently as this contact info is what is used by City of Houston (COH) to distribute timely material.

Monitoring of tax legislation in Austin – this also is sent to you if you update on the civic association list

Chapter 42 – Deed Restrictions – Make sure your association has the following in your deed restrictions

- 1 limited to single family dwellings
- 2 contain building set back information and recorded plat information
- 3 does not allow for further subdividing of lots
- 4 sets minimum lot sizes

this program is to be extended beyond Beltway 8 for the purpose of land development. Verifying your association deed restrictions can avoid items such as several townhomes being built on one lot. These types of issues can dramatically impact drainage as those don't have to show retention ponds. If your group is having difficulty, please contact Oliver Pennington and Mark Kirschke, they can guide you to more information to improve your deed restrictions.

Oliver Pennington has a newsletter. Please forward community good news and items to be shared with the greater community.

CIP meeting – see attached sheet

311 – Smart phone app – link will be provided in the newsletter

Interactive map shows active issues

New water app - sign up at houstonwater.org You can receive alerts by phone or email

New Ordinances are there to make the water bill issues easier to “problem solve”

New site ordinances link houstontx.gov/ordinancefeedback

4 links available with summary and “why” types of comments

COH, in their continuing plan to eliminate back log of sex offender kits has found a vendor that has lowered costs from \$1,300.00 per kit to \$400.00 per kit The completion of a kit is now mandated on all cases. Those cannot be held; each must be processed. Harris County does not seem to have any backlog.

Rebuild Houston – there is a pre-engineering needs, benefit, analysis, and prioritization at this time.

COH – Dawn Heard presented information on the CIP meeting coming on March 4, 2013. Please let her know if you want to speak. Please also notify her if you have CIP items so that you can be put on the agenda.

COH – Rhonda Sauter Rhonda.sauter@houstontx.gov 832-393-0943 is replacing Xavier Herrera who is now located at Harris County. Information on Citizens net is available. See Attached
Mandy Chapman Semple at 713-686-8300 is the special assistant for Homeless Initiative will be working on a comprehensive plan for Mayor Parker

METRO transit – Representative shared information on the Reimagining of the Entire System. Consultant has been hired for evaluating the program along with public input. Check the Metro website. The Metrolift program is also being reviewed and evaluated now.

Miscellaneous – Burlington Coat Factory homeless issue seems to be cleared. We hope this will remain true. Efforts were made to contact actual property owners not the Burlington Coat Factory tenants. All hope the community will benefit from these actions.

Old Business – bring in your delegate letters

Committee Reports

Beautification –no new information at this time

Security – John Lozano stated that crime was down with the following exceptions

Robbery up 17%

Theft up 5 %

Factoid – 80% of businesses have no real burglar alarms

Snap – Judy Thompson reminded us of the February 15th deadline.

There are 4 main types of items that can be submitted

- 1 maintenance of streets
- 2 Bike route issues
- 3 Parks and recreation issues
- 4 Mulching esplanades

Flooding –no new information at this time

Homeless- Jack O'Connor aided the group by verifying the sending of letters to our stakeholders. These letters are to be distributed to the residents to inform them to “not give” to those on the street corners and why this actually hampers improving the homeless situation by continuing the suffering. This delay is only putting off real assistance that can be provided by the various faith based groups. These Faith based groups have a real and positive impact on those who seek their aid.

We are seeking support from local business by way of affidavits enforceable through HPD to help decrease the incidence of panhandlers and homeless with genuine aid through viable sources.

No New Business

adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

March Meeting to be held in the Eagles Trace location at the same time of 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Lamb Co-Secretary and Delegate from John Paul II Catholic School