

## Minutes from meeting of April 13, 2016

### I. Call to Order: 7:02 pm

We had 5 Boy Scouts from Troop 993 working on their Citizenship merit badge in attendance. 5 young men and their leader representing Troup 993 from Dairy Ashford United Methodist Church were welcomed.

**II. Speakers: Francisco Enriquez : MobilityHouston** – Steve Ashy stepped in to make the presentation for Mobility Houston. We now have a Houston chapter (originated in Austin). Mr. Ashy stated that that this group funded from grants and private donations and is slated to compile data from their website to help the mayor and city council to better understand needs and wishes from the citizenry. The current focus is transportation. All citizens are encouraged to go to their website [mobilityhouston.org](http://mobilityhouston.org) to give comments. Specific comments complaints, and “what you want to see happen” are suitable for comments. Comments will be compiled through October for submission to the Mayor. This group will come to any Super Neighborhood or home owners association to present more about the group and this study.

### III. Announcements: Districts F & G, City, Metro, & State

**Metro: Margarita Dunlap** – promoted Metro’s latest program MVP qualified veterans pass. This program provides a free ride on metro for qualified veterans that have served our country. The form is available from her or by download. The veteran’s office will validate the forms to be turned in to Metro. This is a pilot program for six months. Her email address is [md18@ridemetro.org](mailto:md18@ridemetro.org). There is a new mobile app for paying for fares to ride Metro coming soon. Another program touted by Metro is the “adopt a stop”. Any community or individual can fill out a form to sponsor a bus stop. Ms. Dunlap can provide additional information as needed. She remarked that if you are adopting several stops and keep these clean and well kept, a newsworthy opportunity for your group would be a positive benefit for you and your community.

**District G: Kathleen Osborne** – reminded all to continue to call 311 to report issues. Items may not get funded but these can be put in the que for next available budgeted funds. Ms. Osborne remarked that there are going to be budget cuts in all areas of the city budget except police. The budget will be presented soon. As that is available, information will be distributed regarding funding of projects. Other projects included discussions of the Memorial Road project, currently beginning, and the Fountainview affordable housing project that will be coming up for a vote soon.

#### IV. Old Business

A. Approve Minutes from previous meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

#### B. Committee Reports:

1. **Beautification/Parks & Trails** (Virgie) – Bayou Greenway project paperwork is available for anyone to view, contact her for more information.

Jim Murphy – Texas State Representative – Staff member, Jason Labarera greeted the group and offered his contact information.

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Other – Doug Parish offered comments and information on a meeting with County Commissioner Mr. Gene Locke and other officials. He was favorably impressed that the county wants to work with the city on street rebuilding including offering funding. One main area of focus at this time is the NRG stadium area. The funds are not just for the central city area, they want to “spread it around”. This pledge should continue next year as well. There was also reportedly a \$2.5 million sidewalk construction pledge as well.

2. **311** (Judy Thompson) – The meeting with District F councilman Dr. Le was an excellent meeting. Various COH officials attended. Infrastructure was an important issue at the event. Dr. Le plans to have more meetings of this type in the future. SN17 is always invited to these meetings. It was well received.

3. **Security** (Johnny Lozano) – crime is up slightly in all areas. Fortunately, there were only two murders. There were no specifics as to the increase since school is session.

4. **Flooding** (Billie Long) - none

5. **Homeless** (Jack O’Conner) – We are waiting for COH funding to know if Districts F and G can contribute to help HPD enforce the issues in our area. Panhandling is up since the election. Additionally, drug and prostitution related activities seem also to be up. Work behind the scenes is being done to formulate an ordinance that is enforceable to curb this activity. Look for more in the future.

Other – Doug Parish and others recapped the nature of our SN, purpose, and activities for the benefit of the Boy Scout Troupe.

6. **Webmaster:** (Bob Andrew) – Website is running well. The communication portion needs work. Several options are being evaluated. Please send in the map of your HOA with streets and boundaries marked to be submitted to COH.

Other – See Mr. Travis' site District G for more information on Memorial Drive Project. Some highlights are: a) expected to last 800 days, b) 14 months for the Kirkwood to Dairy Ashford portion.

Other – Corp of Engineers is replacing the flood gates. The current gates are in place and working. The new gates are being constructed behind the current gates. As these are finished the walls are rerouted and old gate will be torn down. In other words, there is a working gate at all times.

V. New Business:

A. Announcements:

B. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2016