

Minutes from the meeting of April 11, 2018 – Super Neighborhood 17

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum was established.
- II. President O'Connor thanked everyone, including delegates and the many visitors for attending. He also welcomed Council Member, District F, Dr. Le, and many other City Representatives, including Jane West, Past President, the Super Neighborhood Alliance.
- III. **Speakers**
HPD Representative - The first speaker was Officer Parkinson from HPD as at the last minute Captain Faulhaber was not able to attend. The Officer provided statistics on crime in the area. General crime stats were down 7% in this area over all, but several categories did show an increase: burglary of a building – up 20%, and burglary of motor vehicles – up 9%, He urged everyone to park their cars in the garage, or at the very least in the driveway, and to lock all vehicles. He also urged everyone to attend the PIP meeting, the 3rd Thursday of the month at Westside Police Station. (This is where you can get your questions answered by an HPD officer and is extremely informative).

Kolache Challenge – The organizer from Kolache Challenge reported that there is a 5K race on May 5 and asked everyone to sign up to participate. There will be free kolaches (breakfast) for those that participate in the run/walk. The Race will benefit those harmed by Hurricane Harvey.

Judge Jeff William – is in a runoff election in May for County Court, Pct. 5, Place 2, who outlined the reasons for voting for him and not his opponent, Mike Wolfe. He noted that while it is not required, he is an attorney and Mr. Wolfe is not.

District F – Council Member Dr. Le spoke about the drainage area clean up since the storm. He supported his argument for voting against Chapter 19 which had to do with the rebuilding of those homes that flooded in the City of Houston. He noted that District F did not flood because his office prior to Harvey had many of the bayous cleaned out in their district; but upstream there were many trash trees, and debris that blocked the flow. His main objection concerned the lack of reassessment of those properties damaged. There are no longer CIP projects as the City just does not have the funds and wont for several years. He confirmed that the expansion of Westpark Dr. between Dairy Ashford and Wilcrest is still on, scheduled for 2021 at which time there will be 50% matching federal funds.

Rene Ruiz – Department of Neighborhoods reminded everyone to call 311 if there are general problems with heavy trash pick-up, homeless people on corners or just in need of general information about city services.

Margarita Dunlap - METRO representative, reminded all that Metro has a summer program of “Kids Ride Free”- just go on line and register.

Jane West- representative from the Super Neighborhood Alliance - provided an explanation of the Super Neighborhood alliance program, and how it got started both in the City and in this area. SNA was formed after the many individual super neighborhoods set up an informal group. It was then determined that Council Members did listen about issues in the various neighborhoods and thus SNA was organized as an even more powerful lobbying group.

IV. Old Business – Approved minutes from the March, 2018 meeting.

CIP – Ms. Yeglin – noted that Council Member Le noted there will be no further CIPS due to City budget restraints.

Flooding Issues Nick Kornuta - not present at meeting.

Homeless Committee – Mr. Lozano most homeless people are not homeless but criminals and only HPD could deal with that as many times, it is organized crime.

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Membership –no report

V. New Business – President O'Connor thanked everyone for attending.

VI Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.