

Eldridge/WestOaks Super Neighborhood 17 Houston, TX

Minutes of meeting on May 13, 2015

I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Doug Parrish

II. Speakers: Project Brays: Gary Zika, Imelda Diaz, Kim Jackson  
Gary Zike, P.E. - gary.zika,@hcfcd.org and phone  
713-684-4000.

Mr. Zika – Project Brays Program Manager, presented a PowerPoint slide show for the group. Gary’s presentation showed the history and status of the various portions of the Brays Project. This informative presentation vital to the city’s watersheds and flood control overall plan will be made available on our SN 17 website soon.

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

City of Houston Citizen’s Assistance- Rhonda Sauter – [Rhonda.sauter@houtx.org](mailto:Rhonda.sauter@houtx.org) and phone 832-393-0943. Ms. Sauter brought greetings and updated SN17 as to personnel changes within COH. Her position is changing but she will be an ongoing contact for our SN 17. Rhonda will introduce Karen Davidson her new counterpart, at our next meeting. You may still contact Rhonda as in the past.

Metro Spokesperson - Margarite Dunlap – phone 713-739-4081. Ms. Dunlap brought greetings and updated the group on the August 16, 2015 roll out of the new system changes in services. There will be new tools added to the Metro website. An event *Railfest* will be held May 23, 2015 to engage the Houston area with food, concerts and free rides. Tickets are required for the event. These are available at [www.ridemetro.org](http://www.ridemetro.org) or at any HEB. The public is invited to participate in this fun event.

IV. Old Business

A. Approve Minutes from previous meeting.

Several SN 17 delegates noted that they were not able to read the minutes of the previous meeting online. Voting on previous and current meeting minutes will be made at the next meeting. Please continue to check the website and stay current with important information.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Beautification (Diane & Virgie)

Virgie reported on issues related to three properties regarding mowing and tree shaping or removal. Discussions and suggestions were concluded with the need to ask for a ride through with 311 or other COH personnel to actually view problematic sites and how to correct them in a timely manner.

2. SNAP (Judy Thompson) – no report at this time

3. Security/Long Range Planning (Johnny Lozano)

Johnny reported that generally crime is down with two exceptions: burglaries of businesses and murder. He noted that the murder increases may be due to increased drug related crime and solicitors on street corners vying for money.

In addition to the report, Rhonda Sauter of COH, reminded the group that the plan for registering homebound or handicap persons to be assisted in the event of a natural disaster is not a foolproof plan. Families are encouraged to make arrangements for incapacitated family members. Reportedly, some families just dropped off family members at the George R. Brown center during a recent hurricane then left town. This is no longer acceptable or safe.

4. Flooding (Billie Long) – no report at this time

5. Homeless (Jack O'Connor) – no report at this time

6. Webmaster

Old Business

General thanks from Johnny Lozano was given to the two dedicated ladies that were instrumental in formulating our SN 17. Diane Guillerman and Sandie M. Moger were thanked and applauded.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have SN17 endorse Sandie M. Moger for Councilperson in G.

Diane Guillerman presented remarks about the upcoming vote to rezone Briar Village neighborhood as it related to Barbara Bush Elementary School. There were lively conversations on this topic and all agreed to disagree. Her request was to have SN17 stay neutral. Given the discussions, allowing the course of events for the May 14, 2015 vote to take a natural course seemed the logical consequence per the president.

V. New Business:

A. Announcements:

Member (Native of New Zealand)- gave us information about the International Management District expansion plan. Mr. Vo seems to be the project spearhead, and reportedly not particularly cooperative, according to the member. He voiced concern about politically charged plan and related taxing of businesses with management districts. The Texas House has a pending bill regarding this expansion of the International Management District which generally runs in the F area of our SN 17.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for SN 17 to support District F in its efforts with this bill and the issues involved.

A representative of Matt Murphy's office came to hear general community issues and distributed handouts as Mr. Murphy is running for the *At Large #4 position* and would appreciate any support.

Sandie M. Moger is running for District G councilperson seat. She presented her flyer and would appreciate any support.

Member presented information and sought information as to other homeowner areas regarding digging by ATT. Numerous utility lines have been disrupted along with physical damages. He noted that after completion signals will be available in 2 tiers of service.

A Memorial SN officer greeted our group and discussed information about HB971 regarding HOAs. This bill is in the calendars process in the Texas House. This bill seems to be trying to push for the elimination of the veil of volunteerism for officers of HOAs and liability. He feels that it is a vendetta against homeowner associations. He encouraged all to be aware and take action as warranted. He also invited all to his SN meetings that are normally the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, but due to the Memorial Holiday, this month the meeting will be 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 6:30 on Memorial Drive in the Connection Center in the TJ MAXX center.

B. Adjournment – 9:12 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2015