

Memo to: Doug Parrish – President of SN#17  
From: Sherry Lamb – Delegate from John Paul II  
Date: November 28, 2012  
Re: Minutes of November 14, 2012

SN#17 Meeting – Location Eagles Trace

7:00 Called to Order

Guest Speaker – Chris Daniel – County Clerk (formerly of Lone Star College)

Mr. Daniel spoke on the importance of serving when called for Jury Duty. Selections for duty come from Texas Drivers License renewal and Voter I D Card renewals. Since 1967 this has been an electronic process. On average individuals are selected approximately every 2.5 years. 61% of those requested actually serve. 4.3 million are asked, 2.3 million eligible, then exemptions reduce the group. Citizens can rearrange their service dates in several ways: by phone, through the internet, and other ways. You can put off your duty up to 3 times and for no more than 6 months. You have to serve on the same day as the summons directs. If an increase of only 5% is attained millions of dollars can be saved. Encourage all you know to serve when called upon.

A bonus of the website is that you may obtain free background checks by last name and year of birth from 1967 to present on their website. You can also gather information about attorney notifications or law suit notifications on the site. All of the clerk's records from 1836 to 1906 are on line. You can find a wealth of interesting information this way. You can see real copies of Sam Houston's signature and some of the cases that shaped the history of our city, county, and state. [hcdistrictclerk.com](http://hcdistrictclerk.com) is the website

City of Houston – Mark Kirschke of Oliver Pennington's office provided updates on the following”

- Dairy Ashford road work started in October and is planned for completion April
- Some Dairy Ashford median work such as weeding, trash detail, and trimming of trees in the problematic area is being done.
- Eldridge road work is 80% complete at the time of this meeting.
- Westside PIP meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
- See District G newsletter for more information, feel free to send articles for this publication
- Chapter 47 – revisions for water restrictions are under review. The average homeowner will not see much change in this area.
- Metro Plan was voted YES
- “TACO truck” ordinance is under review and advisement
- If you have any issues call 311 – online is preferred, have exact address of property affected, request a service number, send photos if possible
- Briarhills speed bumps and “roundabouts” will stay put

**Motion called, voted and passed to have NO December Meeting although, we wanted to consider offering some type of thank you gift to Eagles Trace for their generous use of facilities and hospitality refreshments for our meetings.**

Other City of Houston Presenters – Xavier Herrera

- 311 is now 24/7 availability
- Snap meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> – try to attend if you are the SN rep for SNAP items – location is the Central Library.
- Snap items are up to \$25,000.00 in costs
- Projects of dollar amount that 25k are referred to as capital projects and not part of SNAP
- Deadline for all SNAP items is February 14, 2013

Jack O'Connor – Homeless Committee Chair

- Jack suggested that we better define the difference between homeless and panhandler.
- Homeless can obtain help with shelters, rent, food, etc.
- This has been well served by the local Faith Based community. The West Houston Partnership and the Greater Houston Coalition have been quite effective with a program that provides funds for housing with some very specific rules. Persons in the program have to abide obey the rules or forfeit and be expelled from the program.
- Police and other officials suggest we refrain and discourage others from giving to those persons on the streets.
- We are seeking information to define and enforce the laws about standing on esplanade and selling items. Many of them are reported to be “crooks” and “cons”, so beware.
- Any persons must have a permit to solicit.
- Kayte Tipton is a contact person
- Houston Police Department has a homeless outreach – Sargent Steve Wick is the contact
- Trespassers at Burlington – the local manager does not seem active in pursuing an affidavit. If we encourage all business owners to complete affidavits, the police can more easily respond to these complaints. An effective strategy is to have all the local business owners to file these affidavits as a group we can make a difference.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Next meeting JANUARY 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted

Sherry Lamb, Delegate and Secretary Protem

