

Minutes from the meeting of March 14, 2018 – Super Neighborhood 17

- Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum was established.
- President O’Conner thanked everyone, including delegates and the many visitors for attending. He also welcomed Council Member, District G, Greg Travis, and many other City Representatives, including Captain Faulhaber from HPD.
- **Speakers**
Captain Faulhaber from Westside HPD, attended the March meeting. All crimes in the last 30 days are down by 20-30% and assaults are down by 25%. There was an increase in robbery by gunpoint which included cards and motor vehicles. Most of the problems are in apartment buildings and that residential areas were very minimal. He noted that burglaries of motor vehicles were bad in all areas and asked everyone to remove valuables from cars and to make sure all doors are locked. The Captain stated that in District G alone, there were over 50 motor vehicle burglaries in the past month. He mentioned in the area that he had been asked for extra patrolling as there was a suspension of drug trafficking. He noted that the new City of Houston budget included 5 fully funded police classes and he was hoping for more police officers on this side of town soon. Michael.Faulhaber@houstonpolice.org or 832-394-5769, or 832-349-1949.

Greg Travis, Council Member, District G introduced Sally Alcorn, his Chief of Staff, and urged everyone to contact her with any problems or questions. He then provided an update of what areas were included in District G. He noted that District G paid for the extra police patrols in the flooded areas from the discretionary funds provided to each Council Member. He stated that the City does have funds to meet all expenses but that the City continues to spend in excess of \$300,000,000 more. Council Member Travis explained what Chapter 19 was as presented by the Mayor in an effort to solve many of the flooding problems. He noted that the Flood Plain map that FEMA uses to regulate was outdated in showing what flooding, and that the map goes back to 2009. Chapter 19 must protect the existing structures in the 100 and 500 year flood plain as well as raising new structures out of flood plains. It is hoped, when passed will require new builds to be raised to the 100 year flood rather than the 500 year level.

Council Member Travis commented that District G provides 37% of the City budget and receive City services by the amount of 15%.

District F – Torrance Atkins-Lively (representing Council Member Le), updated the SN17 group on issues pertaining to the area including boarding houses, and the CIP requests from SN 17.

Rene Ruiz – Neighborhood Protection Division attended the meeting and offered help for any problems pertaining to the Neighborhood Protection Division. His contact information is Rene.ruiz@houstontx.gov as well as by phone at 832-393-0939.

Metro Representative, Margaret Dunlap spoke about Metro Ride and urged everyone to ride Metro at least once to see how transportation has changed. She also mentioned that in many cases Metro was the First Responders during Hurricane Harvey – over 15,000 people were moved showing that Metro supports the City. There will be over 30 public meetings in future dealing with problems of mobility.

Juan Antonio Sorta, from Superneighborhood Alliance was recognized

- **Old Business** – Approved minutes from the February, 2018 meeting.

CIP – Ms. **Yeglin** announced that SN 17 presented 8 CIP requests for District F. She noted the projects were under review by the City and would be posted to the website. She thanked Ms. Manning for all her help.

Flooding Issues Nick Kornuta presented a letter from Representative Culberson concerning flooding issues in the area and asked that the information be posted to the website. He noted Buffalo Bayou would be cleaned of debris and trees by June 1. Also, Terry Hershey Park clean up should be finished by June 1.

Homeless Committee – Mr. Lozano reported the 80% homeless/panhandlers are not homeless but choose to be on the streets to beg for money. The other 20% are drug and alcoholics who do not want help. He reiterated there are few veterans on the streets as there is a great deal of help for such.

Webmaster – Bob Andrew reported he will be updating all the information from the meeting on the website and was setting up different subject matters on the site.

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

VI Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.