

**Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks
Minutes from the meeting of Nov 09, 2022**

- I. **President, Jeff Baker** called the meeting to order. *A quorum was **not** reached and therefore the Minutes from the October meeting were not approved.*

- II. **Officers Corral and Brooks** provided a rundown of crimes in SN-17 for the month of October. ***Crime trended up as compared to September, particularly murders (from 0-2). One person died after being shot at the Haven at Eldridge Apartments, 13115 Whittington on 10/02. There was also a fatal shooting at 2550 Joel Wheaton about 5:00 p.m. on 10/30. (See crime stats)¹***

- III. **Guest Speaker: Houston Fire Department Chief, Samuel Pena**

HFD is the 3rd largest in the country with 95 fire stations and just over 4,000 employees. HPD provides both fire protection and emergency medical services. The department has 104 ambulances and 125 fire trucks, yet 90% of service calls are for EMS. The department is working on remedying this vehicle imbalance.

HFD missed their recruiting target and is using overtime to compensate for the overall shortage of firefighters. The 911 computer aided dispatch system is “antiquated” and has not kept pace with increasing calls. ***If your 911 call is routed to an answering machine, do not hang up; your call is in the queue.***

IV. COMMUNITY LEADERS

Office of Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas (District F), sent via email

Henington-Alief Regional Library is in the process of moving into the new Alief Neighborhood Center. The center will open on Saturday, December 10th.

The Westpark expansion project, which will widen Westpark to four lanes between Wilcrest and Dairy Ashford, is “barely underway.” There is an ambitious completion time of summer 2024.

Office of Councilwoman Mary Nan Huffman (District G), Rachel Maxcy

The Kirkwood Paving and Drainage Project Phase II - from Briar Forest to Westheimer - is in the preparation phase, but bidding has not gone out yet.

The Park 10 Wastewater Treatment project is expected to be completed by July 2023

Some discretionary District G funds were used to purchase Flock cameras. (See attached map)² showing the location of these cameras. These locations, chosen by HPD were deemed as high crime areas.

City of Houston, Department of Neighborhoods, Rene Ruiz

Ruiz highlighted the city's Geographic Information System (GIS). The app can be downloaded at <http://mycity.houstontx.gov> A must for map geeks!

Office of Council Member-At Large 5, Sallie Alcorn, Jordan McGinty Frazier

As large commercial vehicle parking on our neighborhood streets continues to be a problem, the city has increased fines for violations. ***The minimum fine was raised from \$60. to \$150. in an effort to deter this behavior.*** The prior fine was actually cheaper than the fee for legal storage. ***Contact the HPD Non-Emergency line at 713-884-3131 or 311 to report illegal truck parking.***

V. Houston Public Library service specialist, Ivy Bao (Kendall Library)

Kendall Library re-opened on Oct 15. There are free library events geared to all ages and interests:

TECHLinking 3D-Printer: Learn Tinkercad, a web-based 3D modeling application

TECHLinking Cricut: A one hour workshop using the Cricut Maker.

TECHLinking Spheros: Learn robotics and coding with the Sphero SPRK+

Book Club (adults): Monthly, starting in January

Family Storytime: Featuring books and activities for an intergenerational experience

Kids Craft/Kids Stem: (ages 5-10) Create exciting projects to show off at home

Table Top Games: (teens) Strategy, role-playing and twenty-sided dice build character, cooperation, and leadership skills.

Registration is required. More information <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events>

VI. Highway Safety Improvement Program, Bryan Dotson/Joy Cocchiara

Incidences of serious crashes and fatalities on Hwy 6 between Memorial and Westheimer in SN-17 are unacceptable (see crash data)³. Federal funds for the expressed purpose of addressing unsafe traffic conditions are available through TXDOT. Bryan/Joy have begun an investigation of specific crashes on Hwy 6 in an effort to identify mitigation measures, such lighting, lowering the speed limit, etc. Prior to the next **Highway Safety Improvement Funding round in fall of 2023, we intend to submit a funding proposal with super neighborhood consensus and support.**



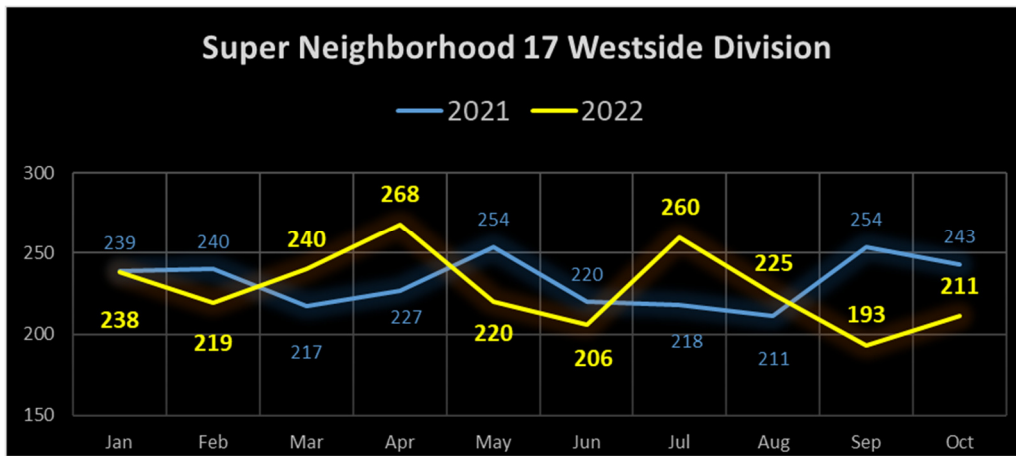
Happy Holiday Season: Next Meeting, January 11, 2023, 7:00 PM at Eagle's Trace



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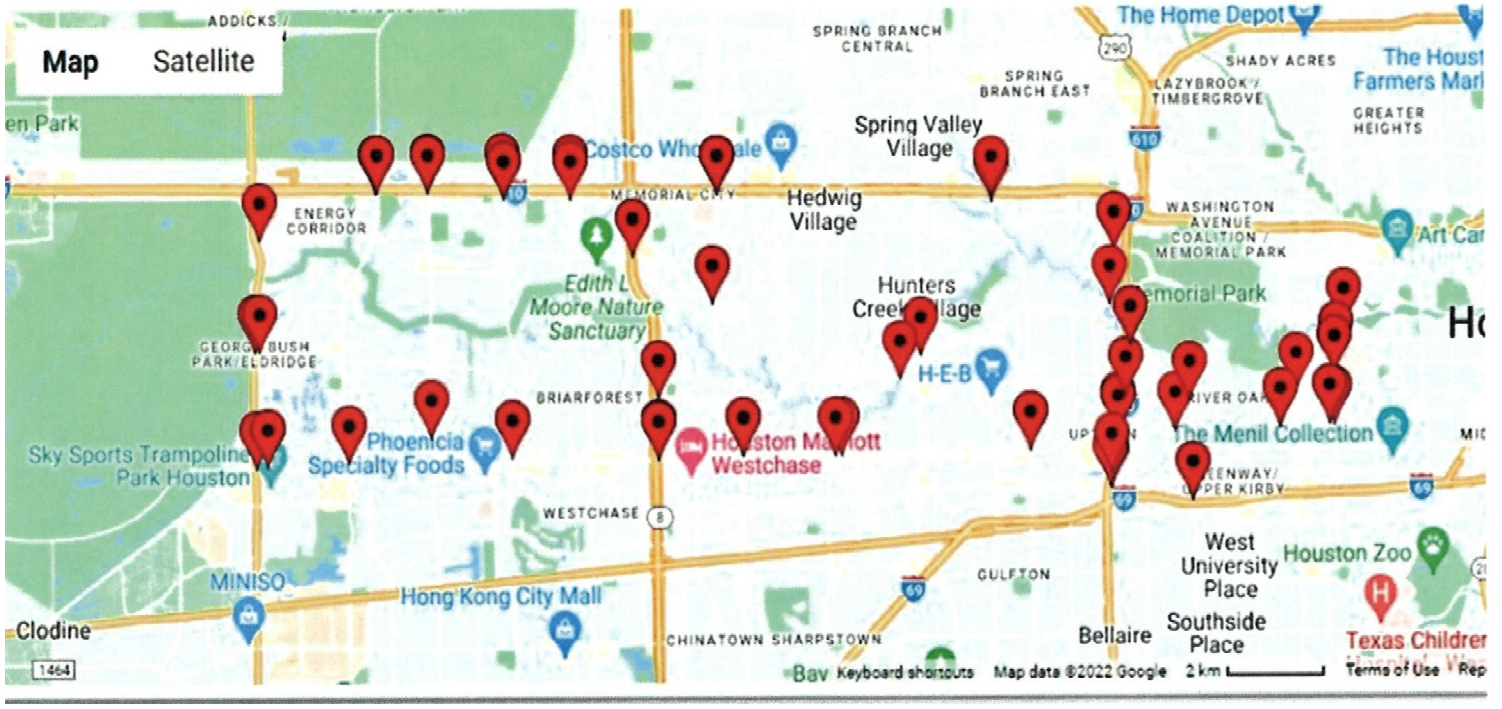
Crime Stats ¹

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	1	Murder	0
Assault	8	Narcotics	2
Auto Theft	1	Prostitution	0
Burglary Building	1	Off Against Family	1
Criminal Mischief	1	Sex Offenses	1
Disorderly Conduct	3	Sexual Assault	0
Drunkenness	1	Theft	3
DWI	7	Weapons Violation	1
Forgery	0	All Other Crimes	4
Total People Arrested	35		



SN17	September	October	TREND	SN17	2021	2022	TREND
MURDER	0	2	200.00%	MURDER	8	10	25.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	1	100.00%	SEXUAL ASSAULT	24	27	12.50%
ROBBERY	7	11	57.14%	ROBBERY	110	97	-11.82%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	29	10	-65.52%	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	301	280	-6.98%
Violent Crimes	36	24	-33.33%	Violent Crimes	443	414	-6.55%
BURGLARY HABITATION	27	14	-48.15%	BURGLARY HABITATION	236	264	11.86%
BURGLARY BUILDING	11	16	45.45%	BURGLARY BUILDING	248	164	-33.87%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	57	64	12.28%	BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	708	697	-1.55%
THEFT	52	61	17.31%	THEFT	464	505	8.84%
AUTO THEFT	16	32	100.00%	AUTO THEFT	224	250	11.61%
Non-Violent Crimes	163	187	14.72%	Non-Violent Crimes	1880	1880	0.00%
CRIMES TOTAL	199	211	6.03%	CRIMES TOTAL	2323	2294	-1.25%

District G – Flock Camera Locations ²



Crash Data – Hwy 6 Memorial/Westheimer ³

Crashes in 2019, 20, 21 Memorial to Westheimer that involved a serious injury or fatality.*

*	Serious Inj.	Fatality	Total
Motorist	12	1	13
Motorcyclist	2	4	6
Pedestrian	5	8	13
Pedalcyclist	0	0	0
Total	19	13	32
* There may be multiple SI or K per crash.			
Daylight	11		
Not Daylight	21		
Total	32		