

Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks

Minutes from the meeting of January 11, 2023, 7:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order** President, Jeff Baker called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. Turnout was above average.
- II. **Public Safety** Officer Tim Whitaker provided a rundown of crimes in SN-17 for the month of December as compared to November. Violent crime was down. Robberies, burglaries, and thefts (shoplifting and auto thefts) were up. There were 33 arrests in SN-17, eight of which were DWIs. (See crime stats below)

III. **Guest Speaker, Constable Ted Heap, Harris County Precinct 5**

Precinct 5 covers approximately 1.3 million residents and spans over 300 square mile. It covers all of west Harris County, half of which is inside the Houston city limits.

The city and county work well together. Heap stated, “we consider our office an extension of the Houston Police Department.” **Precinct 5 dispatch is 281 463-6666.** It was recommended that the dispatch number be used as the primary contact on monitored alarm systems.

The Precinct 5 office has grown in size (450 sworn deputies) and capability as west Harris County has grown. Visibility and response time are the greatest deterrents to crime, and the patrol division remains the precinct’s largest. Additional divisions include K-9, motorcycle, environmental crime, animal cruelty, cyber, hot spots, and civil divisions.

Precinct 5 offers training courses geared to teens and adults alike e.g., new driver training, and campus safety programs. The community relations line is (832) 927-6793, where you can discuss your group’s training needs.

There is an upcoming ***Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events*** class for adults, free of charge, on ***January 24, 2023, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm @ Radack Community Center, 18650 Clay Rd.*** [Civilian Response to Active Shooters – constablepct5](#) to register, class size is limited.

IV. **Community Leaders**

- **District F: Office of Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas (Na'Shon Edwards)**

Alief Neighborhood Center held its grand opening on Saturday, January 14. The new multipurpose facility at Bellaire Blvd and Kirkwood in southwest Houston offers a recreation center/park, a public library, a senior center, and a Women, Infant, and Child Clinic. The 38-acre renovated park features a public pool, playground, skatepark, baseball diamond, soccer fields, walking paths, and tennis and basketball courts.

- **District G: Office of Councilwoman Mary Nan Huffman (James Rains)**

1. A contract is expected in the near future to begin work on **Phase II of the Kirkwood Paving and Drainage Project** - Briar Forest to Westheimer.
2. Fifty **Flock cameras are now in operation** throughout District G. Placement of the cameras was chosen by HPD in areas deemed high crime.
3. Construction on the **Army Corps of Engineers Office** (Hwy 6) has been halted. It is expected that the job will be re-bid, timing unknown.
4. Mr. Brad Mushinski was introduced as the new director of constituent services.

- **Department of Neighborhoods (COH), Rene Ruiz**

Complete Community University applications are open for this 8-week training course for emerging leaders committed to making a positive impact in their communities. **The deadline to apply is February 8, 2023, 5:00 pm.** Course topics include leadership development through civic engagement, volunteerism, and voter education; how city and county government function and impact neighborhoods; and how to effectively navigate city services and local resources. **March 8 - April 26, 2023, 6:00 -8:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams and in person.**

v. **New Business**

- **Houston Public Library (Ivy Bao, Kendall Branch)**

Do you have past due library books? Good news! HPL is hosting an amnesty period, January 17 through February 18. Users can visit (in person) any library location in Houston to return overdue books and settle accounts associated with lost or damaged items. City Council voted unanimously to become a "**fine free**" library system.

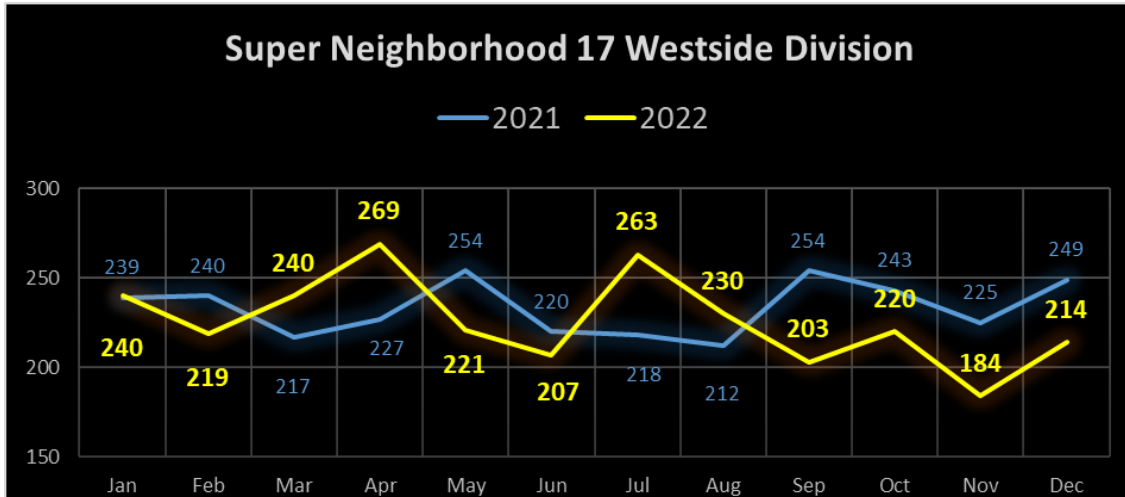
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October and November Meeting Minutes were approved.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2023

2022 December Crime Stats

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	5	Murder	0
Assault	6	Narcotics	4
Auto Theft	2	Prostitution	0
Burglary Habitation	1	Off Against Family	0
Criminal Mischief	0	Sex Offenses	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	Sexual Assault	0
Drunkenness	0	Theft	0
DWI	8	Weapons Violation	2
Forgery	0	All Other Crimes	3
Total People Arrested		33	



SN17	Nov	Dec	TREND
MURDER	0	0	0.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	4	300.00%
ROBBERY	8	13	62.50%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	18	22	22.22%
Violent Crimes	27	39	44.44%
BURGLARY HABITATION	24	26	8.33%
BURGLARY BUILDING	8	8	0.00%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	48	69	43.75%
THEFT	50	44	-12.00%
AUTO THEFT	27	28	3.70%
Non-Violent Crimes	157	175	11.46%
CRIMES TOTAL	184	214	16.30%

SN17	2021	2022	TREND
MURDER	8	10	25.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	32	34	6.25%
ROBBERY	126	118	-6.35%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	353	322	-8.78%
Violent Crimes	519	484	-6.74%
BURGLARY HABITATION	281	315	12.10%
BURGLARY BUILDING	287	183	-36.24%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	862	817	-5.22%
THEFT	579	603	4.15%
AUTO THEFT	271	308	13.65%
Non-Violent Crimes	2280	2226	-2.37%
CRIMES TOTAL	2799	2710	-3.18%