

## Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2023, 7:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order** President, Jeff Baker called the meeting to order with a quorum.
- II. **Public Safety** Officer Tim Whitaker summarized the April crime report for SN-17, as compared to March (*see crime stats*).

When it comes to auto thefts, the numbers are [artificially] higher than they would otherwise be, given the success of flock cameras, which have caused an increase in “outside” recoveries. These are vehicles recovered in a different city from which they were stolen. “Outside” vehicles recovered in Houston add to Houston’s auto theft totals.

Since the state is cracking down on temporary [paper] plates, there has been an increase in stolen plates. Car thieves are known to swap plates from a stolen vehicle with plates from a car of the same make and model. Periodically **check to make sure that the plates on your car are the correct ones.** Replacing the original screws with anti-theft screws serves as a practical deterrent; they are widely available, and easy to install.

There was a question about squatters living in abandoned homes, and whether an HOA can put “no trespassing” or “private property” signs on these houses. The question is under investigation.

The next **PIP (Positive Interaction Program) meeting is on Thursday, May 18** at the HPD Westside Station, 3203 S. Dairy Ashford. *This month’s topic is traffic enforcement.*

- III. **Guest Speaker – Jennifer Thomas, Clinician, Metro CARE division, with Officer Ashley Hurst, METRO Police Department (MPD)**

The MPD CARE unit is a specialized team of Metro Police Officers and Mental Health Clinicians who engage in street outreach to the homeless, particularly along bus/rail routes. The program has been up and running for one year, and so far, is only a four-person unit - two METRO police officers and two mental health clinicians.

The process includes **C**risis **A**ssessment **R**esponse and **E**ngagement. METRO reaches out to its community partners including crisis and drop-in centers, meal providers, housing agencies, and health care centers that offer specialized services based on an assessment of individual needs.

In the cases of a crisis, the unit comes in to deescalate the situation. They do not write citations or take people to jail, but rather work to build trust. That can often take several visits.

The division works to get individuals the specialized services they need. There is a long waiting list for permanent housing, so the CARE team looks for temporary housing. Housing placement requires regular check in with a case manager. Individuals who refuse housing services may only want some items – food, clothing, toiletries, transportation, an I.D., or a phone (Cricket provides free government phones to those who qualify) – which METRO helps provide.

MPD’s CARE division works in close coordination with HPD’s Homeless Outreach Team. **METRO’s dispatch # is: 713 615-7581.**

#### IV. Community Leaders

- **District G: Office of Councilwoman Mary Nan Huffman (Rachel Maxcy, Deputy COS)**

**FY 2024 Budget Workshop:** COH will hold its annual budget workshop from **May 17-25**. The leadership of each city department gives updates to the city council and to the public and includes discussions of proposed changes. The workshop schedule is posted at:

<https://www.houstontx.gov/council/committees/fy24workshops/calendar.pdf>

You can attend in person or watch on HTV at <https://www.houstontx.gov/htv/>

**Hurricane Season starts June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Council Member, Mary Nan Huffman will present **Hurricane Season Preparedness on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 pm at Ashford United Methodist Church – 2201 S. Dairy Ashford**. This is an informal meeting to discuss what we should be doing to prepare for the upcoming Hurricane Season. This event is in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management and Sysco Food Service (*see attached poster*).

**Summer Movie Series:** This monthly series is a *collaboration with Harris County Precinct 4*. Activities start at 6:30 and the movies air at dusk. Activities, including some special guests, are based on the movie's theme (*see attached poster*).

- June 16 @ Ray Miller Park: **The Secret Lives of Pets**
- July 21 @ Nottingham Park: **Cool Runnings**
- Aug 11 @ Ray Miller Park: Disney's **Descendants**

*Reserve These Dates for events in the planning stages:*

- August 24 – Home Owner's Association training – HOA 101
- Sept 14 – Conversation on Crime @ 6:30 pm at St. Martin's Episcopal

- **Precinct 4: Commissioner Lesley Briones (via email)**

**Listening Tour series:** Lesley Briones is holding another in her series of listening tours on **May 13 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Steve Radack Community Center, 18659 Clay Rd 77084**.

Jeff Baker provided this review, *"I recently attended one of these Listening Tour meetings that our new Precinct 4 County Commissioner, Lesley Briones conducted. I got a lot out of it, there were people there from the various county divisions as well as HPD. I highly recommend attending one if you get a chance, and a great chance to meet Commissioner Briones."*

- **Mayor's Office - Department of Neighborhoods, DON (Rene Ruiz)**

**Grant Proposal and Survey - Hazard Tree Removal Program:** Rene reported that a recurring complaint he receives is that a neighbor's tree is encroaching on their property.

The Houston Parks & Recreation Department is working on a grant proposal to secure federal funding for a Hazard Tree Removal Program. **The proposed program involves working with homeowners to identify and remove dead trees and overgrown limbs within their yard, at no cost to the homeowner.** Homeowners would also be eligible for replacement trees. The Hazardous Tree Removal Survey helps the city determine how many homeowners would be interested in this program. Please return and share the survey below if you are interested in participating.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LM5YMBF>

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

**Summer Reading Program and Performers:** For event information at the Kendall branch, visit <https://calendar.houstonlibrary.org/calendar/events?cid=15272&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=15272&ct=59291&cm=3634&inc=2>

*These featured in-person events are free, but **require pre-registration**:*

- **Read with Pawsitive Pups** – Saturday, May 20, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Houston Audubon: Birds, Books and Beyond** – Tuesday, June 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Teen Silent Disco Dance Party** – Thursday, June 22, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Neverland Balloons** - Wednesday, June 28, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Texas Snakes and More** - Wednesday, July 12, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Malia's Hulu Hut** – Thursday, July 20, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Sing! Move! Play! With the Houston Grand Opera** – Wednesday, July 26, - 11:00 am – noon.

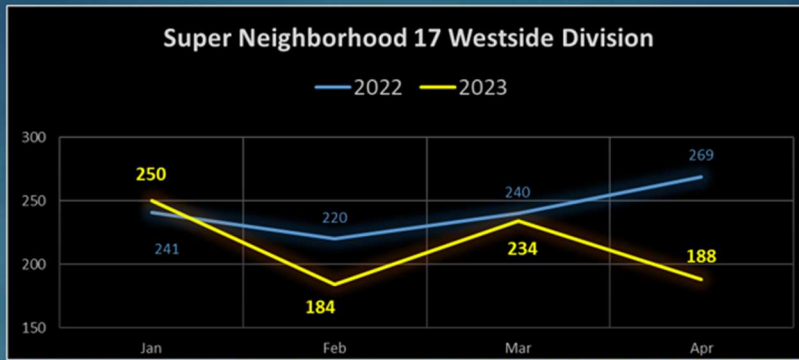
## V. Old Business

- **Election for Vice President:** The floor was opened for nominations. There were none. Nick Kornuta was reelected as SN-17 Vice President by acclamation.
- **Meeting Minutes:** The March and April meeting minutes were approved.

## VI. New Business

- **ECHO - Community Music in West Houston, Sarah McDonner, Executive Director**  
The Energy Corridor of Houston Orchestra performs classical music concerts throughout the area. **Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, ECHO will present their Academic Festival at Strake Jesuit 8900 Bellaire Blvd.** For ticket information visit [www.ECHOchestra.org](http://www.ECHOchestra.org)
- Rashad Cave, Chief District Director for TX Senator John Whitmire (15<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District) introduced himself and provided his contact information: [Rashad.Cave@senate.texas.gov](mailto:Rashad.Cave@senate.texas.gov)
- Jeff Baker reported that the Super Neighborhood Alliance will hold a Mayoral Candidate Forum. Details TBD.

**Next Meeting is Wednesday, June 10, 2023  
7:00 PM at Eagle's Trace  
Guest Speaker: TX House Representative, Mano DeAyala**



SN17	Mar	April	TREND
MURDER	0	0	0.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	5	2	-60.00%
ROBBERY	8	8	0.00%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	32	33	3.13%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-4.44%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	20	12	-40.00%
BURGLARY BUILDING	12	7	-41.67%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	57	68	19.30%
THEFT	64	33	-48.44%
AUTO THEFT	36	25	-30.56%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>-23.28%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>-19.66%</b>

SN17	2022	2023	TREND
MURDER	6	2	-66.67%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	12	8	-33.33%
ROBBERY	39	36	-7.69%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	134	107	-20.15%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-19.90%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	107	90	-15.89%
BURGLARY BUILDING	79	54	-31.65%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	315	263	-16.51%
THEFT	186	175	-5.91%
AUTO THEFT	92	121	31.52%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>-9.76%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>-11.75%</b>

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The table above reflects suspects that were listed as arrested during the original reported offense and does not reflect arrests listed in a supplement.

# ARRESTS

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	8	Murder	0
Assault	7	Narcotics	1
Auto Theft	6	Prostitution	0
BMW	2	Off Against Family	0
Criminal Mischief	1	Robbery	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	Sexual Assault	1
Drunkenness	0	Theft	0
DWI	7	Weapons Violation	1
Forgery	0	All Other Crimes	13
<b>Total People Arrested</b>	<b>49</b>		

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**COMMISSIONER  
 LESLEY BRIONES**



Council Member  
**Mary Nan Huffman**  
 Houston District G

# SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

**COCO** | Friday, May 5 | Nottingham Park | Cinco de Mayo crafts and more!

**PETS** | Friday, June 16 | Ray Miller Park | Houston Humane Society Adoptables, Mobile Houston Zoo

**cool runnings** | Friday, July 21 | Nottingham Park | Special appearances by local mascots!

**DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS** | Friday, August 11 | Ray Miller Park | Meet Disney villains!

**FREE** | Activities start at 6:30 p.m.  
 Movies start at dusk

**Nottingham Park**  
 14205 Kimberley Lane  
 Houston 77079

**Ray Miller Park**  
 1800 Eldridge Pkwy  
 Houston 77077



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 DISTRICTG@HOUSTONTX.GOV  
 OR  
 832-393-3007

**Council Member  
 Mary Nan Huffman**  
 presents

## Hurricane Season Preparedness



**Date:** Thursday, May 25, 2023  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall  
 Ashford United Methodist Church  
 2201 S Dairy Ashford Rd, Houston, TX 77077

*Join us for an informational event on what to do  
 ahead of Hurricane Season*