

## Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2023, 7:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order** President, Jeff Baker called the meeting to order with a quorum.
- II. **Public Safety/Crime Stats: Lieutenant Jon Lui** summarized the May crime report, along with **Officer J. Lai** (see crime stats below). There was one murder that occurred at the Broadstone Briar Forest Apartments, 2215 Avenida La Quinta.

This month's **PIP meeting is on Thursday, June 16** at the HPD Westside Station, 3203 S. Dairy Ashford. *The topic is vice – human trafficking.*

### III. **Guest Speaker – Mano DeAyala, TX House Representative, District 133.ir**

DeAyala recognized his chief of staff, **Alexandra Fowler** and district director, **Deanna Harrington** for their knowledge and skill, and for helping him through his first session in the TX House. DeAyala grew up in District 133. He, his wife, and their three sons are all products of Spring Branch ISD.

TX has \$321.3B to distribute to state programs over the next two years. With a \$32.7B surplus, state governmental bodies agreed that distributing a lot of the surplus back in **tax relief** was a legislative priority. But the parties could not come to an agreement on *how* to deliver the tax reduction (\$17.6B) before the end of the regular session. Raising the homestead exemption (Senate version) versus increasing appraisal caps (House version) is yet to be resolved. The governor pushed for compression – sending state money to school districts to decrease property taxes. DeAyala believes all sides will come to a reasonable agreement on this issue.

Two other important legislative items that are still unsolved are **Border Security and School Vouchers**. The governor called the first special legislative sessions to specifically focus on property tax cuts and border security.

DeAyala presented a list of “good things” that got done during the regular session, highlighting bills that:

- **Provide funding for a variety of public school safety and security standards**
- **Protect data privacy/security, regulating the collection, use and processing of consumer data**
- **Strengthen criminal penalties for fentanyl**
- **Expand broadband to areas w/o internet access**, pending **HJR 125** approval by voters
- **Provide retired teachers (TRS annuitants) with COLAs**, pending **HJR 2** approval by voters
- **Require intercollegiate athletes to compete based on their biological sex**
- **Adopt new processes and procedures for getting and maintaining tenure**
- **Create a water fund to finance water projects**, pending **SJR 75** approval by voters
- **Create university endowments** (TX State, TX Tech, UNT & UH), pending **HJR 3** approval by voters
- **Place limitations/accountability on PFCs**, the subject of abuses used to avoid paying taxes
- **Provide funds to support electric generating facilities**, pending **SJR 93**
- **Eliminate auto safety inspections & imposes alternate fees**
- **Allow the exclusion of a property from an established conservation (preservation) district**

DeAyala closed by expressing his fondness for district 133 and saying that he considered it an honor to serve the district in which he was raised and now lives. He expressed his willingness to listen and be responsive to constituents.

#### IV. Community Leaders

- **District F: Office of Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas (Stephani-Nicole Leota, Dir., Constituent Services and Special Projects)**

District F will present its **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Public Safety Townhall** on **Monday, June 26, 6:00 – 7:30 pm** at HCC West Houston Leadership Institute 2811 Hayes Road 77082 in partnership with the Houston Police, the Mayor’s Office of Gang Prevention and Intervention and the Houston Fire Department.

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

*Sarah Jones* was introduced as the new Director of Constituent Services.

*Kirkwood Phase 2 Update:* A contract was awarded to MAIN LANE INDUSTRIES, LTD for Kirkwood Paving and Drainage from Briar Forest Drive to Westheimer Road. Groundbreaking date TBD.

*PFC Bill Update:* HB 2071, the bill that reins-in abuse by public facility corporations (PFCs), was passed by the Texas House and Senate. It was sent to Governor Abbott’s and is awaiting his signature.

*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 special guests, are based on the movie’s theme.

July 21 @ Nottingham Park: **Cool Runnings**

Aug 11 @ Ray Miller Park: Disney’s **Descendants**

- **Council Member At Large – Position 5: Sallie Alcorn (Katie Shelton)**

*BARC Update:* City council updated Chapter 6 of the code of ordinances dealing with animal welfare in Houston. Alcorn worked to draft the revisions, including mandatory microchipping, “adequate shelter” standards, and the requirement that pet stores can only sell dogs and cats sourced from a humane organization or municipal/county animal shelter.

*COH Budget:* in a 15-2 vote, city council approved the city’s **\$6.2B Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget**. Highlights include: \$1.6 billion for public safety including, five police cadet classes and four fire cadet classes; a 3% raise for municipal workers and police officers and a 6% raise for firefighters; funding for street and drainage projects increase from \$76M to \$123M in FY24.

- **Precinct 4: Commissioner Lesley Briones (Victoria Calvillo)**

Victoria highlighted two Precinct 4 programs:

*Holistic Assistance Response Team (HART)*, which dispatches 911 calls, as appropriate, to interdisciplinary unarmed, first responders, trained in behavioral health and on-scene medical aid. HART received \$7M in funding in May.

*Legacy Tree Project* works to preserve the historic trees of Texas, plants and cares for urban trees and promotes the benefits of trees. Visit <https://pg-cloud.com/HCP4/> for the inventory of legacy trees in Harris County.

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

The *Office of Neighborhood Engagement* connects individuals, groups, and companies with nonprofit agencies looking for volunteers. Visit <https://www.volunteerhou.org> to register your organization or to find your ideal summer volunteer opportunity.

- **Houston Metro (Margaret Dunlap)**

*Students Ride Free* during Metro’s Summer of Fun! (June1 – August 31). Visit <https://www.ridemetro.org/riding-metro/students-ride-free-this-summer> to register.

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

*Adult Craft Lab* takes place on the second Monday of the month from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. The upcoming class is on July 10. Registration opens for this class at 4:00 pm on Monday, June 26. Register at <https://calendar.houstonlibrary.org/event/10837050>

## V. **Committee Report (Nick Kornuta – Flooding)**

Dr. Tina Petersen, Executive Director, HCFCD reported that desilting is planned for the Barker and Addicks reservoirs to bring the channels back to their original design.

The **M**odeling **A**ssessment and **A**wareness **P**roject, (MAAPnext) is underway, developing the next generation of flood mapping. The project is a partnership between FEMA and HCFCD, and they expect many changes to the resulting flood risk maps.

While the goal is to use estimates of rainfall risk and other data to update the **F**lood **I**nsurance **R**ate **M**aps (FIRMs), a reasonable guess is that the revised flood plain maps will not be ready until late 2024. FIRMs currently in use are unrelated to the project work of MAAPnext.

## VI. **Old Business**

The May Meeting Minutes were approved.

## VII. **New Business**

Reminder: We will recess during the summer months of July and August

**Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2023**  
**7:00 PM at Eagle’s Trace**  
**Meet the Candidates**

## VIII. **Post Agenda**

Three candidates spoke briefly as to their qualifications for office:

1. *Amanda Edwards*, running for Mayor, City of Houston
2. *Holly Flynn Vilaseca*, running for Houston City Council At Large #2
3. *Conchita Reyes*, running for Houston City Council At Large #1

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM

## 2023 May Crime Stats

SN17	Apr	May	TREND	SN17	2022	2023	TREND
MURDER	0	1	100.00%	MURDER	6	3	-50.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	2	100.00%	SEXUAL ASSAULT	15	9	-40.00%
ROBBERY	6	8	33.33%	ROBBERY	48	42	-12.50%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	35	23	-34.29%	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	171	132	-22.81%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-19.05%</b>	<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>-22.50%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	12	19	58.33%	BURGLARY HABITATION	144	109	-24.31%
BURGLARY BUILDING	7	9	28.57%	BURGLARY BUILDING	92	63	-31.52%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	75	55	-26.67%	BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	375	326	-13.07%
THEFT	35	36	2.86%	THEFT	232	213	-8.19%
AUTO THEFT	27	38	40.74%	AUTO THEFT	109	162	48.62%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>0.64%</b>	<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>-8.30%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-3.54%</b>	<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>-11.16%</b>

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	9	Murder	0
Assault	11	Narcotics	0
Auto Theft	2	Prostitution	0
Burglary Habitation	2	Off Against Family	0
Criminal Mischief	1	Robbery	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	Sexual Assault	0
Drunkenness	0	Theft	1
DWI	5	Weapons Violation	2
Forgery	1	All Other Crimes	6
<b>Total People Arrested</b>	<b>42</b>		