

**Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks  
Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023, 7:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order** President, Jeff Baker called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with a full house.

**II. Public Safety/Crime Stats - Tim Whitaker, Senior HPD Officer**

**August Crime Report** In general, crime was down in SN-17, with *violent crime down by 13%* and *non-violent crime down 7%*. Total arrests numbered 50 (*see crime stats below*).

The **PIP meeting** is on Thurs, September 21 at the HPD Westside Station, 3203 S. Dairy Ashford Rd at 6:30 pm. This month's speaker is *Sgt. Tracy Hicks on the topic of Auto Thefts*, including thefts from vehicles, e.g., catalytic converters, guns, etc.

**National Night Out (NNO)** is on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Participating Civic Associations/Neighborhoods should return the NNO pledge form (*attached, page 4*) as soon as possible.

**III. Guest Speakers - COH Council Member Candidates, November Election**

The following candidates/representative were in attendance to present their case for holding office/endorsement. Each candidate had four minutes to make their appeal for votes.

- Mary Nan Huffman-Council Member G (incumbent)
- Eriq Glenn-Council Member at Large 1
- Julian Ramirez-Council Member at Large 1
- Leah Wolfthal-Council Member at Large 1
- Holly Villaseca-Council Member at Large 2
- Twila Carter-Council Member at Large 3
- John Branch-Council Member at Large 4
- Sallie Alcorn-Council Member at Large 5 (incumbent)
- Dustin Hodges, deputy chief of staff, District E gave his endorsement to candidate Dave Martin, who is running for City Controller. Dave Martin, Council Member District E and Mayor Pro Tem is term limited.

**IV. Community Leaders**

- **State Representative District 133 Mano DeAyala (Deanna Harrington)**

The 2023 **West Houston Teen Leadership Summit** will be held on *Saturday, Oct 28 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.* at the Norris Conference Center, City Centre (by nomination). Students will spend time with local experts in Government & Politics, the Economy, Markets and Business, Communications, Media and Community Leadership. Contact your school administration to find out how your student can attend or to nominate a student outside the high school delegation, contact [Mano.DeAyala@house.tx.gov](mailto:Mano.DeAyala@house.tx.gov) or call (713) 465-1201 for more information.

- **District F - Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas**

**SN-17 received kudos** from Councilwoman Thomas for continued active participation in city government and for the lovely accommodations provided by Eagle's Trace. Many other guests also expressed unsolicited positive comments about the facility and the cookies!

**Houston Public Works Projects (District F, continued)** <https://www.engagehouston.org>

**Westpark:** Design and construction for concrete paving with storm drainage, curbs, sidewalks, driveways, street lighting, and necessary underground utilities from Wilcrest Drive to S. Dairy Ashford, Started in fall of 2022 with an expected completion in summer of 2024.

**Facilities Improvement Package 2:** Improvements at 6 well sites and re-pump stations throughout the district.

**Chelford City Diversion Package 3:** The purpose of the project is to construct a new gravity sewer to decommission the Green Crest Lift Station and divert the flow to the Upper Brays Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Public Safety** The city has received an additional \$5M to fund overtime pay for HPD officers. Streetlights are being installed throughout District F, and tree canopies that are blocking existing lights are being trimmed back.

**Homeless encampments** at Bissonnet and Kirkwood are in the process of decommissioning. An encampment is defined as five or more tents in a given location. Report encampments through the 311 system.

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

**Kirkwood Phase 2** was granted a work authorization, but no ground breaking announced to date.

**Water Leaks** should be reported via the city's 311 system. Do not assume that someone else has reported the leak. Even if there is a blue City of Houston flag on it, if it has been active for long time, go ahead and report it again. The council office *does not* receive notification that a leak has been reported in the district. Report your 311 submission to [districtg@houstontx.gov](mailto:districtg@houstontx.gov) **including the 311 service request number** so that constituent services can follow up on the request. This email box is continuously monitored by the director of constituent services, Sarah Jones.

The **Updated 311 Mobile App** works great. It is a much better experience than the former version. If your phone did not download the latest update, delete the existing one and search for "Houston 311" in the App store to download it.

**A New Event, Coffee with the Council Member Huffman** is planned for October 14 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Rudi Lechner's 2503 S Gessner Rd, Houston, TX 77063.

- **Council Member At Large – Position 5: Sallie Alcorn**

**Drought:** The city is in stage 2 of the drought contingency plan. Sundays and Thursdays for single family residential customers with even-numbered street addresses and Saturdays and Wednesdays for those with odd-numbered street addresses. Tuesdays and Fridays are for all others. Outdoor water use is restricted to the hours of 7 p.m. through 5 a.m. on your assigned days.

**More on Water Leaks** Sallie shared some context provided by Houston Public Works director, Carol Haddock. Under normal weather conditions, Houston has 100-150 active leaks on a weekly basis. The number of leaks has grown to 500/week due to the extreme heat and drought. Shallow sewer and water lines were initially installed during the building of older neighborhoods. New and repaired pipes are now buried more deeply, if possible, making them less susceptible to breakage.

City crews are averaging more than 200 repairs a week using overtime and working seven days a week. Additional contractors have been employed with hopes of adding more. The goal is to have contractors address 300-400 leaks/week until the backlog is contained. Repair crews are addressing leaks in order of severity.

**V. Old Business**

The June Meeting Minutes were approved.

**VI. New Business**

**October meeting:** Working with SN-17 delegate, Nancy Scott, Jeff has secured District Judge Michael Landrum as next month’s guest speaker to give a non-biased overview of the propositions to amend the TX Constitution that will be on the November ballot.

**Next Meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
7:00 PM at Eagle’s Trace**

## 2023 August Crime Stats

SN17	2022	2023	TREND	SN17	July	Aug	TREND
MURDER	8	5	-37.50%	MURDER	1	0	-100.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	28	17	-39.29%	SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	3	200.00%
ROBBERY	79	80	1.27%	ROBBERY	15	14	-6.67%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	241	206	-14.52%	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	26	26	0.00%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>-13.48%</b>	<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	224	158	-29.46%	BURGLARY HABITATION	22	11	-50.00%
BURGLARY BUILDING	138	93	-32.61%	BURGLARY BUILDING	10	7	-30.00%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	580	537	-7.41%	BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	49	89	81.63%
THEFT	393	365	-7.12%	THEFT	49	45	-8.16%
AUTO THEFT	203	283	39.41%	AUTO THEFT	27	48	77.78%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>1538</b>	<b>1436</b>	<b>-6.63%</b>	<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27.39%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>1744</b>	<b>-7.92%</b>	<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>21.50%</b>

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	5	Murder	0
Assault	12	Narcotics	0
Auto Theft	1	Prostitution	0
Burglary Building	1	Off Against Family	0
Criminal Mischief	3	Robbery	4
Disorderly Conduct	6	Sexual Assault	0
Drunkenness	0	BMV	3
DWI	6	Weapons Violation	1
Forgery	0	All Other Crimes	8
<b>Total People Arrested</b>	<b>50</b>		

# *National Night Out*

*Tuesday, October 3, 2023*

## *Participation Pledge Form*

(This Form Should Be Returned As Soon As Possible)

On behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ we are committed  
CIVIC ASSOCIATION/NEIGHBORHOOD OR POLICE DEPARTMENT

to participate in Houston/Harris County National Night Out 2023 by organizing block parties and activities that promote crime prevention and improve police/community relations.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Law enforcement Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_

(For example, Clear Lake Division or Central Division, etc.)

What type of activity will you host? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where will the activity take place? (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_

What time will the activity begin and end? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Number of Attendees: # \_\_\_\_\_

### **Return this form to:**

Houston Police Department Westside Station  
3203 S. Dairy Ashford Rd. Houston, TX 77082  
Attention: National Night Out Coordinator