

Minutes from the meeting of January 8, 2020 of Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. President Baker opened the meeting. He established quorum with 8 delegates or alternates.
- II. For Community Safety **Ofc. Whitaker from HPD** opened with a comment that though the statistics look bad, they include Christmas. While sexual assaults are up 200%, they were not random. They included date assault or alcohol. Most of the aggravated assaults were domestic violence, and most of the robberies were of businesses. In response to questions he noted that there were no home invasions. He did comment that with burglary of motor vehicles, HPD is seeing a move towards targeting vehicles for guns. The super-neighborhood concluded with a recognition for Ofc Whitaker's recipient of the first Blue Badge Award.
- III. Acknowledge and Welcome to Guests and Visitors
US Representative Lizzie Fletcher – US Congress TX District 7
Claudia Morales – office of Rep. Lizzie Fletcher
TX Representative Jim Murphy – TX House District 133
Deanna Harrington – office of Rep. Jim Murphy
Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas – Houston City Council District F
Councilman Greg Travis – Houston City Council District G
Councilwoman Sallie Alcorn – Houston City Council At-Large 5
Long Nguyen – office of Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas
Rene Ruiz – Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office, Department of Neighborhoods
Margarita Dunlap – Houston METRO
Cmdr. Faulhaber – HPD West Side Command
Ofc. Whitaker – Representative of HPD
- IV. Community Leaders
 - a. **Councilman Greg Travis - City of Houston, District G** – spoke on road works in the area. He reminded everyone that though the Memorial Dr project is wrapping up, warranty work will likely continue for another 8 months. The Kirkwood Rd project is expected to start with-in the next few months. While the contractor is working to reduce traffic control restrictions to 12 months, the current plan is for work over the next 18 months. This is for the first section only. The other two sections will also be another 18 months. Councilman Travis then noted that though the city is not currently planning to fix Dairy Ashford, he is working to complete the project as a regional level project.
 - b. **Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas - City of Houston, District F** – introduced herself and her staff to the super-neighborhood. She has worked to have a multi-lingual staff to better respond to the Hispanic and Vietnamese community. She is currently reaching out to

the local HOA's for 2 projects per neighborhood gathering a list of capital improvement projects. She concluded with a commitment to a zero-base budget.

- c. **Rene Ruiz - Department of Neighborhoods, City of Houston** – reminded everyone that he is available to assist with 311.
 - d. **Margaret Dunlap - METRO** - spoke briefly about the recently passed bond. She commented on the current expansion of ADA access and the proposed SH6 bus route.
 - e. **Councilwoman Sallie Alcorn - City of Houston, At-Large 5** – introduced herself and commented that her focus will be on flood mitigation, green infrastructure, and outcome-based budgeting.
- V. Committee Reports
- a. **CIP** is working to send an email to the HOA presidents. Mayor Turner, having an increase in pothole spending, is also working to add more funds for concrete panel replacement.
 - b. **Jeff Baker, as Chair for Public Safety and Crime**, reminded everyone to not let anything show in your car and invited everyone to HPDs PIP meeting.
 - c. **Jeff Baker, as Chair for Communications**, had no report.
 - d. **Nick Kornuta, Chair for Flooding**, was commended for the links provided to recent articles. He also commented on inline detention and other channel improvements coming to Buffalo Bayou.
- VI. **Representative Jim Murphy – TX House District 133** – started with a discussion on the state legislature, that every two years they meet over 140 days. He discussed House Bill 3 on education. The moved more state money to education. He discussed underperforming schools, and how to better reward teachers to encourage teachers to take on those schools. He also discussed Senate Bill 2 and how it makes tax rate meetings more accessible to the community.
- Representative Murphy was offered paper sent to the Colorado legislature on improving school discipline. He was then asked about a possible new reservoir. He commented that there is no current uptake from the county government. If the county government did take it up, it would need to work with an evaluation of property values and the topography.
- VII. Old Business
- a. The vote for non-profit was tabled
 - b. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved
 - c. Jeff Baker was elected President, for the full term, unopposed.
 - d. There were no nominations for co-secretary.
- VIII. New Business
- a. Lizzie Fletcher announced that she will be working to hold more townhalls, on a monthly basis. The first of these is scheduled for January 25th.
- IX. There being no more business, the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Feb 12, 7:00 PM, AT EAGLES TRACE