

**ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD**  
**Super Neighborhood 17 (SN17)**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes - Wednesday November 13, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**  
<https://sn17.org/>

*President, Jeff Baker; Vice-President, Nick Kornuta; Secretary, Joy Cocchiara; Treasurer, Diane Guillerman*

The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Baker at 7:05 pm with a quorum.

**I. Public Safety – Westside Commander Mario Clinton and Senior Police Officer Tim Whitaker/ HPD**

Based on year-to-date trends, violent crime is up by 28.53% (murders are up from 5 -6). Non-violent crime is down by 11.9% (burglary habitation is down by 16.16% and auto theft is down by 21.51%). In October, 57 arrests were made in the Eldridge/West Oaks neighborhood (14 for assault/ aggravated assault, 7 for narcotics and 3 for DWI). See page 3 for further details.

**II. Guest Speaker- State Rep, District 133-Mano DeAyala: <https://www.house.texas.gov/members/4135>**

The state is projected to have a \$20 billion surplus at the start of the 89th TX legislative session on January 14. Members of the Texas House and Senate have already filed over 1,000 bills, informing some of this session’s legislative priorities:

- *Lower property taxes*: building upon last year’s one-time spending plan to lower property taxes
- *Public education*: establishing a voucher program in Texas, which after the results of the 2024 election, he is confident will pass in some form
- *Elections*: requiring Texans to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote

DeAyala also highlighted major legislation passed during the prior legislative session including:

- A one-time spending package that resulted in the largest tax reform in TX history
- Major reforms to Public Facility Corporations, which imposed accountability for delivering decent, affordable housing and enacted provisions to stem prior abuses of the bill’s 100% tax exemption for the life of the property
- A requirement that the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“PUCT”) implement weatherization requirements for power plants and utilities (HB 1500) and by the Passage of a Grant and Loan Program for “Dispatchable” energy generation (SB 2627)
- Allocation of \$1.5 billion to broadband expansion

Working with Mary Nan Huffman, Council Member District G, DeAyala described efforts to secure a portion of the state’s budget surplus to address Houston’s water infrastructure, particularly leaks from broken service lines/mains, which account for a loss of about 30% of Houston water supply!

**III. Community Leaders**

**Dist. G - Mary Nan Huffman/Brad Mushinski <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/g>**

Park Ten Project: Work continues on Park Row, Eldridge (S. of I-10) and on the Lift Station. The 24-hour tunneling operations have been completed. Check <https://www.engagehouston.org/parkten> for continuing updates.

Houston Public Works (HPW) is working to identify the type of materials used in both the city’s water service lines and each customer’s private water service lines. A private service line connects a customer’s water pipe to the city’s water main. If the material of a private water service line is tagged as unknown, the home owner will receive a communication stating such. While NO LEAD PIPES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE COH SERVICE LINES TO DATE, there is a possibility that a private

water service line tagged as unknown may be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was at one point connected to lead. Houston Public Works has created a water service line inventory [MAP](#) that allows the public to search their addresses and view current records of the material used in their water service line. Customers with unknown private water service line materials are highly encouraged to follow the step-by-step instructions at [Houston, TX LCRR Public Inventory Page](#) and self-report with photographs to update its water service line material records.

**IV. COH Department of Neighborhoods - Rene Ruiz** <https://www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods>

The deadline for submitting completed Super Neighborhood Grant Applications is November 29th.

Ruiz encouraged Houston residents to sign up to speak on agenda or non-agenda issues at the city council meetings, stating that Mayor Whitmire wants to know what issues are on the minds of residents. Here is how to sign up: To reserve time to appear before Council, call (832.393.1100), email ([speakers@houstontx.gov](mailto:speakers@houstontx.gov)) or come to the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby, Room P101. The deadline to sign up is the Thursday prior to the scheduled public session shown on the agenda. Each speaker shall provide his/her name, street address, mailing address (if different), telephone number and a brief description of (not to exceed ten words) of the intended subject matter.

**V. City of Houston Metro-Margaret Dunlap** <https://www.ridemetro.org/about/news-media>

Metro announced the appointment of a new Chief of Police Department, Chief Ban Tien. Tien currently serves as the Executive Assistant Chief of Police for the Houston Police Department. He is the first Asian American to lead the Metro Police Department. Tien's swearing in will take place on Friday, November 15 at 2:00 PM in the Legacy Room, Houston City Hall.

**VI. Old Business**

October Meeting Minutes were approved

**VII. New Business**

Portions of the Super Neighborhood 17 web site are currently down, including the Agenda and Meeting Minutes section while an upgrade and transfer of data is in progress.

The Super Neighborhood 17 executive committee has updated and clarified some sections of the bylaws per the request of the Super Neighborhood Association. *In a post-meeting email, we were informed that our updated bylaws were approved!* We will be taking a vote on the bylaws at our January meeting, pending a quorum.

Short-Term Rental Ordinance (post-meeting announcement via email): The City of Houston's draft proposed short-term rental ordinance, along with a link to the feedback form, has been posted on the City's official website. You can review the details and submit your feedback via the following link <https://www.houstontx.gov/ara/business-licensing.html> (located on the lower right side of the page). This matter will be discussed at the upcoming Quality of Life Committee meeting, scheduled for December 9th at 2:00 PM in the Anna Russell City Hall Chambers. All interested parties are encouraged to engage in the process by reviewing the ordinance and providing input. Please email [Sonia.Soto@houstontx.gov](mailto:Sonia.Soto@houstontx.gov) or contact the At Large 1 office at 832-393-3014 to be added to the speaker list if you would like to be present and speak at the committee meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with a recess in December**

**SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 17  
HPD WESTSIDE DIVISION CRIME STATS**

**Month-to-Month Trends (Oct/Sept)**

SN17	Sept	Oct	TREND
MURDER	2	0	-200.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	2	4	100.00%
ROBBERY	14	14	0.00%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	38	34	-10.53%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-7.14%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	15	20	33.33%
BURGLARY BUILDING	12	11	-8.33%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	60	47	-21.67%
THEFT	65	61	-6.15%
AUTO THEFT	29	21	-27.59%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>-11.60%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>-10.55%</b>

**Year-to-Date Trends (2023/2024)**

SN17	2023	2024	TREND
MURDER	5	6	20.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	20	32	60.00%
ROBBERY	94	126	34.04%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	249	309	24.10%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>28.53%</b>
BURGLARY HABITATION	198	166	-16.16%
BURGLARY BUILDING	113	160	41.59%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	707	564	-20.23%
THEFT	491	475	-3.26%
AUTO THEFT	372	292	-21.51%
<b>Non-Violent Crimes</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>1657</b>	<b>-11.91%</b>
<b>CRIMES TOTAL</b>	<b>2249</b>	<b>2130</b>	<b>-5.29%</b>

**Arrests\***

<b>Current Month Arrests</b>			
Aggravated Assault	5	Murder	0
Assault	9	Narcotics	7
Auto Theft	0	Prostitution	1
Burglary Habitation	0	Sexual Offenses	1
Criminal Mischief	0	Theft	6
Disorderly Conduct	4	Offense Against Family	0
Drunkenness	0	Weapons Violation	2
DWI	3	All Other Crimes	18
Robbery	1		
<b>Total People Arrested</b>	<b>57</b>		

\* Arrests made during the course of the offense on the original offense date and location