

ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD

Super Neighborhood 17 (SN17)

Draft Monthly Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, February 12, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

<https://sn17.org/>

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

President, Jeff Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum.

I. Public Safety – HPD Crime Stats, Westside Senior Police Officer Tim Whitaker/ HPD

The month-to-month trend is up 14% for violent crimes, including 1 murder, and down by 23 % for non-violent crime. On a year-to-date basis, violent crime is up 33% and non-violent crime is down by 20%, There were 63 arrests in SN-17 in January. See the complete data on page 3.

II. Guest Speaker – Precinct 5 Constable, Terry Allbritton <https://constablepct5.com/>

Harris County Constable Precinct 5 covers most of West Harris County. It encompasses 370 square miles, and its boundaries extend from Loop 610 west to the county line. While Constable Allbritton is the newly elected Precinct 5 constable, he has been with the department for 30 years and has lived all over southwest Houston. In areas where the constable's office is the primary law enforcement, an HPD officer that would have been assigned gets freed up to go on patrol the other areas, so it is a force multiplier. There are 8 county constable precincts and only 4 county commissioners, thus their boundaries are not superimposable. So, while SN-17 is in Harris County Precinct 4, it is in Constable Precinct 5, which can be very confusing!

The *Patrol Division* is, by far, the largest within Constable Precinct 5, comprised of more than 300 deputies. The *Toll Road Division* has 62 deputies tasked with facilitating the flow of traffic on the toll roads. This includes enforcing all traffic laws, investigating accidents, and being available for motorist assistance when needed. The *Parks Division* provides patrols to the more than 60 county parks (14,000 acres). The Parks Division utilizes marked patrol vehicles, foot patrols, ATV patrols, and bicycle patrols in efforts to cover all areas of the parks.

A staple in Precinct 5's *Patrol Division* has long been contracted patrols. What makes this type of patrol so effective is that deputies assigned to these neighborhoods spend the vast majority of their time patrolling in and around them. When the patrol is within the City of Houston, the cost is split 80/20, with the neighborhood paying 80% of the cost. In unincorporated parts of the county the cost sharing is 70/30.

III. Community Leaders

State Representative District 133 - Mano DeAyala/Deanna Harrington

House representatives should receive their committee assignments this week.

There has been a large number of bills filed so far this session – 4,500 bills to date - about 3,000 in the House and about 1,400 in the Senate, which means there is a delay in drafting legislation.

Senator Bettencourt has introduced additional homestead exemptions that are expected to pass the Senate and then go to the House for a vote. Representative DeAyala continues to work to secure funding for the Houston water issues.

Harris County Precinct 4 – Lesley Briones/Victoria Calvillo

Black History Month Luncheon on February 27th at Higher Dimension Church, 9800 Club Creek Dr, Houston, TX 77036. Free event; register at <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Connect/Newsroom/black-history-month-listicle>

Harris County Precinct 4 – Lesley Briones/Victoria Calvillo (con't)

Summer Intern Opportunity: This is a nine-week paid internship for college students, offering valuable experience throughout the county in areas such as road and bridge policy, community centers, and community engagement. For more information contact Victoria Calvillo at vcalvillo@hcp4.net

Listening Tours are starting back up. The first one is scheduled for March 29 at Burnett Bayland Community Center. The listening tours have been rebranded as Town Halls, with a focus on specific areas of interest as expressed by the respective community in which they are held.

2024 Places-4-People (P4P) Initiative: Eldridge and Westpark was one of five intersections selected for safety enhancements. The project includes installation of a new traffic signal near Archbishop Fiorenza Park and protected crosswalks. Follow P4P projects at <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Infrastructure/Project-Tracker>

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

New water leaks have emerged, likely as a result of the hard freeze last month. Houston Public Works Department is now further behind in its efforts and is working hard to fix all the leaks.

An investigative report by KPRC (Amy Davis) found excessive spending by some Houston Housing Authority (HHA) employees. The HHA is governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the COH Mayor. Council Member Huffman called for the Mayor to bring the HHA chair before council to address these reports, to which he agreed; scheduling in progress.

In late 2024, the City conducted a comprehensive citywide efficiency study. The findings are guiding the Mayor in making strategic decisions, particularly in identifying ways to cut expenditures in light of a looming budget deficit. Findings at: <https://www.houstontx.gov/efficiencystudy/index.html>

COH Dept of Neighborhoods (DON)/Sissel Carlsen <https://www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods>

The city has partnered with several legal nonprofits to provide free and low cost legal assistance with will/estate planning and other legal matters. Contact Sissel Carlsen at Sissel.Carlsen@houstontx.gov

IV. Old Business

The January Meeting Minutes were approved and are now posted on the sn17.org website.

V. New Business

Jeff Baker was contacted by DMA Development Company, LLC, an affordable housing developer that develops, owns/manages affordable multifamily rental communities. DMA executed a purchase contract for ~4.2 acres on the southern part of West Oaks Mall and submitted a pre-application for 9% housing tax credits to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, seeking to develop 90 affordable rental units for households earning 30%, 50%, and 60% of the Area Median Income. A virtual meeting was set up on Friday, February 7 for delegates to review the pre-application.

A vote was taken, with a quorum present. Delegates voted to support the development.

Post meeting update: The developer has decided *not* to move forward with this development.

Bryan Dotson, BikeHouston advocate, shared three biking events being held in the Energy Corridor in early 2025. BikeHouston's mission is to help everyone get around safely and easily by bike. For information on these events, see the flyer on page 4.

NEXT MEETING: Mar 12, 2025

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

Month-to-Month Trends (Dec/Jan)

SN17	Dec	Jan	TREND
MURDER	0	1	100.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	4	1	-75.00%
ROBBERY	15	27	80.00%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	30	27	-10.00%
Violent Crimes	49	56	14.29%
BURGLARY HABITATION	22	20	-9.09%
BURGLARY BUILDING	21	11	-47.62%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	56	44	-21.43%
THEFT	57	45	-21.05%
AUTO THEFT	25	19	-24.00%
Non-Violent Crimes	181	139	-23.20%
CRIMES TOTAL	230	195	-15.22%

Year-to-Date Trends (2024/2025)

SN17	2024	2025	TREND
MURDER	1	1	0.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	2	1	-50.00%
ROBBERY	15	27	80.00%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	24	27	12.50%
Violent Crimes	42	56	33.33%
BURGLARY HABITATION	16	20	25.00%
BURGLARY BUILDING	21	11	-47.62%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	67	44	-34.33%
THEFT	34	45	32.35%
AUTO THEFT	35	19	-45.71%
Non-Violent Crimes	173	139	-19.65%
CRIMES TOTAL	215	195	-9.30%

Arrests*

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	7	Murder	1
Assault	11	Narcotics	5
Burglary Habitation	3	Prostitution	2
Burglary Building	4	Robbery	4
Criminal Mischief	1	Theft	1
Disorderly Conduct	5	Offense Against Family	0
Drunkenness	0	Weapons Violation	4
DWI	5	All Other Crimes	8
BMV	1	Auto Theft	1
Total People Arrested	63		

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

Biking Events in Early 2025

BikeHouston's mission is to help everyone get around safely and easily by bike.



BIKEHOUSTON



Sunday, March 2nd: 16 mile, no-drop, all-abilities ride from Terry Hershey at Dairy Ashford at 8:00 am.



Saturday, March 29th: Westpark Bike Lane Cleanup. (9:00-11:00 at Metro west of Wilcrest.)

Saturday, April 5th:
Free bike valet at Energy Fest!

