

**Super Neighborhood Meeting Notes
September 14, 2016
Eagles Trace Retirement Community**

Meeting was called to order by Doug Parrish at 7:00 p.m.

Speakers – None scheduled

III. Announcements:

District F – Van Huynh

Mr. Huynh reported the following:

1. He is planning to speak with Veronica Hernandez regarding an abandoned building located near 12289 West Houston Center (behind the Walmart and adjacent to a daycare center). This has been a problem for a long time – constant trash, graffiti, and homeless.
2. 13100 Meadowbriar – Illegal Dumping – Mr. Huynh is hoping to use some of District F's funds to get this cleaned up and mowed. This is a constant problem with illegal dumping and overgrown grass/weeds.
3. The CIP Westpark expansion project has now been pushed back to 2021. Mr. Huynh plans to gather the history to see why this keeps getting pushed back.
4. Panhandling – The International Management District will be holding a symposium to address this growing issue in District F. The date, place, and time will be announced once it is scheduled. This is independent of City Hall.
5. Council member Lee is in the process of evaluating the needs of District F in order to decide how to allocate the funds he receives from the City.

District G – Mark Kirschke and Council Member Greg Travis

Mr. Kirschke reported that city spending is escalating and there are 2 main views from council members as to the reason why. Some believe it is a revenue problem and others believe it is an expenditure problem.

October 2 – Sunday – Noon until 4:00 p.m. – Cigna Sunday Streets – Sponsored by Go Healthy Houston - Eldridge between Briar Forest and Eldridge Parkway will be closed for this fun-friendly opportunity to be physically active. Everyone is encouraged to come out to cycle, walk, run, dance, and enjoy the afternoon.

The City is revising the infrastructure design manual – Chapters 1 through 5

Council Member Travis reported that he is aware that panhandling is a serious problem, not only in our District, but in the City. He stated that several other council members agree. However, this is not a priority right now for the mayor, and therefore, HPD is not making it a priority either. \$225,000 has been spent on this issue in District G. 838 panhandlers/homeless people on the streets in District G were interviewed last year, 200 citations given, and 105 took referrals for help. Council members, including Council Member Travis, will continue to work on this issue and also emphasize to the Mayor what a serious problem this is for the City.

Metro

Margarita Dunlap reported that safety is a high concern for Metro. Ridership needs to be safe. The Metro Police can now enforce laws around metro bus sites which they couldn't do before.

Metro's back to school program was a success. The University of Houston and HCC issued Q cards to students who need to use Metro since they have no other form of transportation.

State Representative Jim Murphy's Office

Deanna Harrington reported that the Houston Housing Authority project on Fountainview was defeated. This is a big victory for residents in that area. For more information see www.stopfountainviewproject.org.

Ms. Harrington also asked everyone to "like" Jim's facebook page which is @JimMurphy133

IV. Old Business

Minutes – Nick Kornuta made a motion to approve July's minutes and Johnny Lozano seconded the motion. All were in favor. Therefore, minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Virgie Manning

Ms. Manning reported there are currently 2 quality of life issues in District F:

1. 13100 Meadowbriar – Illegal Dumping
2. 12289 West Houston Center – Small abandoned building behind Walmart that is drawing the homeless, constant trash, graffiti

Ms. Manning reported the following quality of life issues in District G:

Abandoned Super 8 Motel project at 14750 Piping Rock

There are also 2 other buildings between Piping Rock and Barker Oaks Drive - one being Logan's restaurant (now closed) with dumping in the back and the other a nightclub.

311 – Judy Thompson

Nothing to report

Security – Johnny Lozano

Mr. Lozano reported that PIP meetings were shut down for 2 months so no report

Flooding – Billie Long - absent

Homeless – Jack O'Connor

No report – this issue was discussed throughout the meeting

Webmaster – Bob Andrew – absent

New Business

A motion was made to add July to the vacation schedule along with August and December. This will be voted upon at the next Super Neighborhood meeting.

Adjournment – 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting – October 12, 2016