

## Minutes from the meeting of May 9, 2018 – Super Neighborhood 17

- I. Call to order at 7:03 p.m. Quorum was established.
- II. President O'Connor thanked everyone, including delegates, representatives, and visitors for attending followed by self-introductions for the entire group.

- III. **Speakers**

**HPD Representative** - The first speaker was Lieutenant Tim Trometer presenting crime statistics as Captain Faulhaber was not able to attend. Lt. Trometer stated that in the last sixty days crime statistics were up due to increases in violent crime of 5.8%. Non-violent crime was down. Year to date crime generally was down except burglary. Thirty day statistics showed violent crime up 3.7% with non-violent down 19.3%. He also noted that old software used statistics in a way that would not capture all of the individual crimes that would be involved in a complex crime - (i.e. Car theft [crime], with driver inside [kidnapping] which might lead to [murder]). Older software would only capture the most serious crime. The new software will capture all of the offenses except drug related crimes. He spoke at length giving current status regarding the Club Fantasy/Exclusive problem detailing the delayed court hearing now slated for July. He encouraged residents not to directly engage those at the establishment and to be calm, get good descriptions, and to report all incidents to 911 to provide maximum evidence for the District Attorney's office and the case pending. Councilman Le also replied that he has been forwarding similar information to law enforcement from his district. President O'Connor also remarked that Westside Command has the fewest number of officers per area than all of the other commands noting how low crime is given that statistic.

**Matt Lopez – Precinct Coordinator for Harris County Flood Control District** - Provided a comprehensive presentation on the Linear Story Detention slated for Buffalo Bayou between Eldridge and Dairy Ashford. He described the north side of the bayou sections of Terry Hershey Park as examples of the plan. The south sides of the bayou will be structured in a similar manner. Phase I is 50% complete. The plan provides a start date in June. This plan maximizes storage for 100 acre foot in each of three cells. Lack of recent rainwater is hampering the removal of stumps, debris, and entire dead trees from the bayou to aid in future rain events. The clean out of the bayou was already funded. To date, 2,000 tons have been removed. The reservoirs are also slated for similar clearing. Brayes Bayou is receiving a 2 foot aid from downtown to Fondren. The center of the bayou will be squared off thus providing the addition two feet of much needed increased flow. He also stated that the Waste Treatment Plant in the area (Turkey Creek) was damaged from flooding and is planned for closure. On another note, you can check your property elevation on the HCFCD.org site. Finally, Mr. Lopez suggested that the August Bond Election of 2.5 Billion Dollars could provide some funds for any of the numerous HCFCD projects. This presentation will be available on the HCFCD.org website. Additionally, Webmaster, Bob Andrew will make this available on the SN 17 site. His contact information is [matthew.lopez@hcfcd.org](mailto:matthew.lopez@hcfcd.org).

**Nancy Scott – Briar Hills Resident** – graciously made apologies for the visitor that was disruptive to the April meeting.

**Margarita Dunlap - METRO representative,** reminded all that Metro has a summer program of “Kids Ride Free”- just go on line and register therefor relinquishing her time for the flood presentation.

**Claudia Morales, Representing Lizzy Fletcher** – briefly spoke concerning her candidate and the upcoming runoff election. She encouraged all to early vote from May 14 – 18, 2018.

IV. **Old Business** – Approved minutes from the April, 2018 meeting.

**Public Safety and Security – chair Johnny Lozano** – Johnny referred to Lt. Trometers report from HPD.

**Beautification – Jack O’Connor - chair TBA** - Jack is looking for a chairperson for the committee but will serve until that time. He wishes to partner with other SN groups to aid in keeping up the esplanades as well as further communications to those groups.

**CIP – Cindy Yeglin** – City of Houston has put a hold on project stating budget constraints.

**Flooding Issues - Nick Kornuta** - referred to HCFCF presentation

**Homeless Committee** – Mr. Lozano stressed to inform the Jack or Johnny in our SN and HPD about encampments for the homeless if visible by residents. Ordinances have not been successful in restraining typical behaviors on the streets but encampments and the “school bus” activities have been reduced. We must continue to be watchful.

**Membership - Ronda Murphy** –encouraged all delegates to attend and participate in SN17 activities.

V. **New Business** – President O’Connor thanked everyone for attending. Johnny Lozano submitted his official delegate letter. Jack wants to update all delegates formally at this time. Please offer your letter to the SN17 that can be found on the SN17 website.

**Rene Ruiz COH, Department of Neighborhoods** - commented on heavy trash issues continuing in districts G and F. The prolonged delays are due to the storm and volumes of debris and the impact on trash vehicles. He also stated that IPS is still active in other areas issuing citations on bandit signs and lengthy time of trash on the street complaints. He was asked to provide a guest speaker for our SN group for a future meeting.

VI Meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

