

**Minutes from the meeting of Feb 10, 2022 of Super Neighborhood 17 –
Eldridge/West Oaks**

- I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. President Baker opened the meeting. The meeting was held online through Zoom.
- II. A quorum was established.
- III. Though not expressly acknowledged in the meeting, we thank the following officials for their presence and participation:
Councilwoman Mary Nan Huffman – City of Houston, District G
Stephanie Leota – Office of Rep. Lizzie Fletcher, US Congress, TX District 7
Ben Williams – Chief of Staff for Rep. Jim Murphy, TX House, District 133
Lizzie Metryiakool – Office of Rep. Jim Murphy
Kent Clingerman – Office of Commissioner Jack Cagle, Harris County, Pct. 4
Katie Shelton – Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Huffman
Johnathan Johnson – Office of Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas, City of Houston, District F
Julia Seied – Office of Councilwoman Sally Alcorn, City of Houston, At-Large Pos. 5
Freddy Gomez – Harris County Tax Office
Meiling Lin – Harris County Tax Office
Margaret Dunlap – Houston METRO
Ofc. Timothy Whittaker – HPD
Lt. Jonathan Lui – HPD
Sgt. Tavis Parkerson – HPD
- IV. For Community Safety **Ofc. Whittaker of HPD** started with a discussion on murders, noting that though it is a problem city-wide there were none reported in the Superneighborhood in December or January. He continued discussing crime statistics in the area. He noted that of the 3 sexual assaults reported, all the suspects were known to the victims. There were no questions.
- V. Community Leaders
 - a. **Stephanie Leota – Office of Rep. Lizzie Fletcher** – discussed upcoming work and votes on the Infrastructure and Jobs Act. She posted information on Ms. Fletcher’s newsletter and announced collection for Valentines for Vets. She also noted that new district boundaries will be used for the upcoming federal election, and that until the new congress is seated the prior boundaries will be used for constituent responses.
 - b. **Ben Williams – Office of Rep. Jim Murphy** – noted the strong opposition in the community for the Briar Forest Lofts project, and noted that the item had been tabled at city council.
Lizzie Metriyakool noted that she will get back to the council in regards to balloon releases. Asked about any information linking Mayor Turner to the development, Mr.

Murphy's office hasn't reported any information on that, but has noted there is no current support for the project with city council.

- c. **Johnathon Johnson – Office of Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas** – noted there will be limited personnel in office through the end of the month, with most working from home. He noted the Solid Waste Management's HTX Collects App for service updates, alerts, and delays. He also noted that green-bin recycling is currently slightly delayed, and to leave those cans out until collection is completed. They are working on tracking 3-1-1 requests at a week-to-week and month-to-month level. The #1 complaint is missed garbage pickup and the #1 zipcode is 77072. He also noted that there are 3 developments in the Alief area seeking the 9% credit as the Loft's project was. Ms Thomas's office is also working on a vagrancy issue along Alief-Clodine Rd. He concluded noting the availability of in-home vaccination and testing, and to call 832 393 4301 for assistance in that program.
- d. **Mary Nan Huffman – Houston City Council, District G** – noted the Briar Forest Lofts project has been delayed. Though the mayor would like these projects to proceed city council and the mayor have heard a lot from the community on the project.

Katie Shelton then discussed Phase 1 of the Kirkwood project, which is currently about 90% complete. The freeze added at most a week, and once traffic switches to the new northbound lanes, construction should complete in two months. Kendall library is still in progress and should be fully completed by late spring. She announced a crime town hall and noted that a recording would be made available on the district website.

In response to question she noted that Briar Forest striping is completed and actual paving should start shortly. The expected downtime between phases of the Kirkwood rebuilding project is expected to be two months. That is completion in April 2022 and new work southward to Westheimer beginning in July. Asked about the Loft's project and where to submit community feedback, she recommends the at-large councilmembers as well as Mr. Murphy's office

- e. **Julia Seied – Office of Councilwoman Sally Alcorn** – announced changes to the city's animal welfare ordinance, including mandatory microchipping and microchip licenses to enable BARC to deliver runaways directly to the owner and not require processing those animals through the shelter. She also discussed changes to retail pet sales and aggressive animal issues. She also discussed changes to the city noise ordinance.

Delegates noted our opposition to the Loft's on Briar Forest. They also communicated a desire to adjust the parking ordinance, especially in regards to commercial vehicle parking on residential streets.

Another delegate discussed traffic issues with a church on Eldridge distributing food, with traffic backups and accidents. She noted that the community needs to talk to the

church and the church may need to post an officer at trouble spots.

- f. **Kent Clingerman – Office of Comm. Jack Cagle** – spoke on adjustments due to redistricting of commissioner precincts. He noted that all facilities will however continue as previously under Comm. Ramsey. Asked about a community newsletter he provided the web address.
- g. **Margaret Dunlap – Houston METRO** – Discussed the Katy BRT, and extension of the Uptown BRT line and directed the community to innerkaty.ridemetro.org . She discussed the 82 “Boost” improvements. A community member called the 82 line a death trap in regards to crossing Westheimer. Ms Dunlap noted that METRO is working on sidewalk improvements immediately near the stops, but maintenance is the property owners’ responsibility. She also noted that as a state highway, any public funds would need to be coordinated with the state.
- h. **Freddy Gomez – Harris County Tax Office** – noted business of the office, including vehicle registration, title transfers, and disabled placards. They also offer a property tax workshop. Asked about office locations and hours, he noted that 25% of staff are in-office. He recommends using the website to make an appointment.

VI. Committee Reports.

- a. Jeff Baker – Chair of Crime – reported a general problem with crime and road rage
- b. Nick Kornuta – Chair of Flooding – noted a community meeting in the Energy Corridor tomorrow. He also noted previous discussion of the planned sanitary sewer reroute from Turkey Creek south.

VII. Old Business

- a. Having a quorum the January minutes were approved

VIII. New Business

- a. The Executive Committee reported on the community meeting regarding the Loft’s at Briar Forest. The resolution adopted was approved, and will be sent to the at-large councilmembers. Asked about county input it was noted that their input is minimal and that Mr. Murphy (HD 133), Ms. Huffman (G), and the at-large council members would be better positioned to respond to our feedback.

IX. **Candidate Forum**

- a. The Superneighborhood invited candidates for the State House District 133 Republican Primary [the Democrat candidate, Mohamad Maarouf, is running unopposed]. As time and schedules allowed, the following candidates met with the community:
 - i. **Bert Keller**
 - ii. **Will Franklin**

- iii. Mano DeAyala
- iv. Greg Travis
- v. Shelley Barineau

VIII. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING – Mar. 9, 7:00 PM, via ZOOM