

Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks
Minutes from the meeting of February 08, 2023, 7:00 PM
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- I. **Call to Order** President, Jeff Baker called the meeting to order. Quorum was not met.
- II. **Public Safety** Officer Tim Whitaker provided a summary of crimes in SN-17 for the month of January as compared to December. Two murders took place in SN-17 in January. A man shot his mother multiple times and killed her live-in boyfriend at a home in the 2300 block of Binley near Wickersham Lane. The second murder was the result of a road rage incident. (See crime stats below)

The Westside Divisional *PIP meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16* at 6:30 PM at the Westside station, 3203 S Dairy Ashford in the classroom on the 3rd floor. *This month's topic is Financial Crime.*

III. **Guest Speaker, Sallie Alcorn, COH Council Member At Large – Position 5**

A. Houston Housing Authority (HHA) developments and Public Facilities Corporation (PFCs):

In 2015, the TX legislature adopted a PFC structure under Section 303.042(f) of the Texas Local Government Code, which allows developers that build mixed-income housing to claim *full property tax exemption in exchange for renting half of the units at reduced rates to those making no more than 80% of the area median income* - \$70,850 for family of four in Houston. Source: HUD FY 2023 Income Limits Summary

Recently, the HHA has been doing development deals with PFCs at a fast pace, causing concerns on a number of fronts – flooding, traffic, infrastructure, etc., and putting a strain on impacted school districts deprived of commensurate property tax income. *Mayor Turner* has paused all new deals until there is a better understanding of the cost-benefit of the PFC structure. *TX Sen Bettencourt* has introduced *SB 805* in an attempt to repeal section 303.042(f).

B. Streets: COH has under invested in streets for decades. 11.8 cents of every \$100 in home value was going to street and drainage *debt*. The city no longer goes into debt and is on a pay-as-you-go basis. As debt is paid down, property tax revenue is increasingly available for street and drainage projects, limited by the cap on how much revenue the city can take in. There is also the Rebuild Houston program (*now Build Houston Forward*) that taxes residents based on impervious surfaces which was introduced as a Street/Drainage fee when it was introduced in 2010. Public Works came up with a plan under the mayor's *Street Rehabilitation Initiative* that provides many of the same benefits as reconstruction, but at a much lower cost. It includes mill and overlay of asphalt roadways and concrete panel replacements.

C. Sidewalks: Alcorn anticipates that a bond initiative to improve city sidewalks makes it to the ballot in a future administration.

D. Trucks Parking in Neighborhoods: has largely been addressed by enforcement (Park Houston) as well as HPD, raising the fine from \$60 to \$150 per incident.

E. Noise: Strengthening of the city's noise ordinance, including permit requirements, and raising the maximum fine from \$1000 to \$2000 has significantly reduced noise complaints.

IV. Community Leaders

- **District F: Office of Councilwoman Tiffany Thomas – No report, no representative present**
- **District G: Office of Councilwoman Mary Nan Huffman – No report, no representative present**
- **Precinct 4: Commissioner Lesley Briones**

Brennan Munson introduced himself in his new role - community engagement. He plans to regularly attend SN-17 monthly meetings.

V. New Business

- **Houston Metro (Margaret Dunlap)**

Metro is applying for **\$33.8 million** under the US Department of Transportation RAISE discretionary grant program, **R**ebuilding **A**merican **I**nfrastructure with **S**ustainability & **E**quity. *If approved, funds will be used on the **82 Westheimer route** - Hwy 6 to downtown, directly benefitting SN-17. 82 Westheimer has the highest ridership in the system and has been identified as a Metro BOOST project, needing significant improvements, such as bus shelters, ADA compliant sidewalks, etc. SN-17 is “boosting” Metro’s federal grant application with a letter of support!*

- **Houston Public Library (Ivy Bao, Kendall Branch)**

AARP is offering free tax preparation assistance on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Call Kendall library (832) 393-1880 for details.

- **Candidate for City Council at Large**

Leah Wolfthal announced her candidacy for City Council At Large -Position 1. She is running in the November election to fill the position currently held by Mike Knox, who is term limited.

**Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 8, 2023
7:00 PM at Eagle’s Trace**

2023 January Crime Stats

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	7	Murder	1
Assault	10	Narcotics	5
Auto Theft	0	Prostitution	2
Burglary Habitation	1	Off Against Family	0
Criminal Mischief	0	Sex Offenses	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	Sexual Assault	0
Drunkenness	1	Theft	0
DWI	6	Weapons Violation	1
Forgery	0	All Other Crimes	12
Total People Arrested	46		

SN17	Dec	Jan	TREND
MURDER	0	2	200.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	4	1	-75.00%
ROBBERY	12	14	16.67%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	25	26	4.00%
Violent Crimes	41	43	4.88%
BURGLARY HABITATION	28	32	14.29%
BURGLARY BUILDING	8	12	50.00%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	73	84	15.07%
THEFT	49	41	-16.33%
AUTO THEFT	28	27	-3.57%
Non-Violent Crimes	186	196	5.38%
CRIMES TOTAL	227	239	5.29%

SN17	2022	2023	TREND
MURDER	0	2	200.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	4	1	-75.00%
ROBBERY	10	14	40.00%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	36	26	-27.78%
Violent Crimes	50	43	-14.00%
BURGLARY HABITATION	30	32	6.67%
BURGLARY BUILDING	15	12	-20.00%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	83	84	1.20%
THEFT	51	41	-19.61%
AUTO THEFT	19	27	42.11%
Non-Violent Crimes	198	196	-1.01%
CRIMES TOTAL	248	239	-3.63%