

ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD
Super Neighborhood 17 (SN17)
Monthly Meeting Minutes - Wednesday February 14th, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
<https://sn17.org/>

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

Call to Order/Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. A quorum was established.

Public Safety – Senior Police Officer-Tim Whitaker/ HPD

- There was one murder in the 2300 block of Binley Drive (Feb. 6), in which a Houston man was charged with fatally shooting his stepfather. See crime stats for Jan vs Dec and for 2024 vs 2023 (Page 3), and the tally of arrests in SN-17 for January.
- The Westside Divisional PIP Meeting is on Feb 15 at 6:30p at 3203 Dairy Ashford Rd. This month’s topic is “Internet Crimes Against Children.”

Guest Speaker – 311 Help Center-Paula Walker, City of Houston 311 trainer

- Houston 311 is a centralized call center for all *non-emergency* City of Houston inquiries and services. Live 311 telephone assistance is provided 24/7. 311 employs 49 full time agents, and training takes a full three months.
- There are four separate ways to submit a service request: 1. Phone **311 or 713-837-0311** 2. Email 311@houstontx.gov ; 3. Online <https://www.houstontx.gov/311>; and 4. **311 smart phone app**
- More than 300 specific Service Request types have been defined within the system. Each Service Request is forwarded to the appropriate department and a service level agreement date is assigned for investigation and resolution. Once the service request is forwarded on, the requestor will receive a notice that the ticket is closed. Subsequent notices will come from the department managing the request.
- Currently, the top 10 service requests are for: water leaks, missed garbage pickup, sewer wastewater, missed recycling pickup, traffic signal maintenance, nuisance on property, water service, parking violations, street hazards and street condition.

Community Leaders

- **State Representative District 133-Mano DeAyala/Jessica Colon & Alex Fowler (via email)**
 - During DeAyala’s recent visit to Eagle Pass, he announced his support of Gov. Abbott’s plan for the state to construct its own border wall and to use other barriers as necessary to prevent illegal entry at the southern border.
- **Dist. F-Tiffany Thomas/Isaac Eguia, COS**
 - **Update on Chelford Project 2:** Emergency purchase orders are being issued to fund work to remediate unsafe conditions at this site.
- **Dist. G - Mary Nan Huffman/Rachel Maxcy**
 - **COFFEE with a COP & COUNCIL MEMBER** on Feb 20, 9:30am –11:00am at Pecan Creek Grille 1510 Eldridge Pkwy #100; a joint effort of Council Member Mary Nan Huffman and the HPD–Westside Division.

- **Park 10 Project Update:** The project is approximately 60% complete. Construction is currently temporarily suspended, and work will resume in June 2024.
- **District at Large 5-Sallie Alcorn/Kathleen Shelton**
 - **The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)** announced new officers for their 2024 board of directors. *The Honorable Sallie Alcorn will preside over the board as chair throughout 2024.* The board comprises 37 local elected officials representing 13 counties, 111 cities, and 11 school districts.
 - **Composting Project:** The Solid Waste Management Department is conducting a free composting program (Jan 22 – Feb 29). The closest food waste drop-off location to SN-17 is the Alief Neighborhood Center at 11903 Bellaire Blvd, It is open on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
- **Harris County Precinct 4 – Lesley Briones/Victoria Calvillo**
 - **Primary Election:** Early voting is February 20 through March 1. Election Day is March 5. You can consult the League of Women Voters **2024 Primary Election Voter’s Guide** for nonpartisan election material at https://irp.cdn-website.com/af2f04f7/files/uploaded/2024%20LWV_PrimaryVG_DIGITAL.pdf
 - **Precinct 4 Forward Internship Program:** These are paid 8-week internships for students working toward an undergraduate/graduate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Residents of Harris Co Precinct 4 are preferred. There are internships available in the following divisions: *public affairs, engineering, policy and innovation, talent, HSE/Safety, compliance, finance, park programs and recreation.* Apply at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/harriscountytx?keywords=internship>
 - **Black History Month Celebration event, A Seat At The Table: From Hidden Figures to Trailblazers, How Black Women are Leading Harris County’s Future:** February 24 @ 9:00 – 10:30 AM at West Houston Institute 2811 Hayes Rd 77082. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/HCP4BlackHistory24>
 - **The Katy East Community Plan and Mobility Study** will focus on examining existing land use, mobility, infrastructure, and economic development challenges and opportunities in unincorporated Katy, and culminate in a list of projects, policies, and program recommendations. Recommendations can be expected in mid-2024. Your input is valued. For more information and to take the survey, [Katy East Community Plan and Mobility Study \(harriscountytexas.gov\)](https://www.harriscountytexas.gov/katy-east-community-plan-and-mobility-study)
- **City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods - Rene Ruiz**
 - Department of Neighborhoods is working to standardize Super Neighborhoods’ operations and matching grant program. The guidelines have been sent to delegates for review. The Intent to Apply process for the 2024 Matching Grant application will begin July of 2024.
- **City of Houston Metro-Margaret Dunlap**
 - The new **ONE Card is coming** and will replace the METRO Q Fare Card in 2024. The ONE Card will be available for purchase/reloading online, and at major retailers. It will also connect to transit partners across the region.
 - **82 Westheimer Update:** The widening of Westheimer east of Loop 610 is occurring this year. Work to upgrade bus stops on Westheimer out to Hwy 6 will begin next year.
 - Mayor Whitmire announced his appointment of Elizabeth Gonzalez Brock as Board Chair of METRO, pending City Council and board approval. Brock is Vice President of Utility Infrastructure Planning and Policy at CenterPoint Energy.

Committee Reports/Secondary Speakers

- **Jeff Baker-Community Safety and Communications:** Please note the change in the website address, which is now a secure site: <https://sn17.org/>

Old Business: The January meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

- **Bryan Dotson, Trail Advocate - GBH&BT Update:** Bryan met with Districts F and G representatives to request that the City of Houston apply (on behalf of trail users) to receive matching gift funds under the Precinct 4 P4P (Places 4 People) Program and furthermore, that the city contribute to the required 20% local match for the extension of the George Bush hike and bike trail from Briar Forest south to Piping Rock. While there are no commitments yet, there have been encouraging words from Precinct 4. The extension is entirely on US Corp of Engineers and COH property (District F on the west and District G on the east). Support of the project by SN-17 is appreciated.

NEXT MEETING: March 13thth, 2024. Representatives from TXDOT are slated to be our guest speakers.

SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 17 CRIME REPORT

Current Month Arrests			
Aggravated Assault	8	Murder	1
Assault	10	Narcotics	5
Burglary Business	0	Prostitution	2
Burglary Habitation	2	Robbery	1
Criminal Mischief	0	Investigation Accident	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	Invest Auto Theft	1
Drunkenness	1	BMV	0
DWI	6	Weapons Violation	1
Forgery	0	All Other Crimes	9
Total People Arrested	48		

SN17	Dec	Jan	TREND
MURDER	0	1	100.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	2	2	0.00%
ROBBERY	5	15	200.00%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	24	21	-12.50%
Violent Crimes	31	39	25.81%
BURGLARY HABITATION	8	14	75.00%
BURGLARY BUILDING	19	20	5.26%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	70	63	-10.00%
THEFT	36	32	-11.11%
AUTO THEFT	24	33	37.50%
Non-Violent Crimes	157	162	3.18%
CRIMES TOTAL	188	201	6.91%

SN17	2023	2024	TREND
MURDER	2	1	-50.00%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	2	100.00%
ROBBERY	13	15	15.38%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	25	21	-16.00%
Violent Crimes	41	39	-4.88%
BURGLARY HABITATION	32	14	-56.25%
BURGLARY BUILDING	14	20	42.86%
BURGLARY MOTOR VEHICLE	89	63	-29.21%
THEFT	48	32	-33.33%
AUTO THEFT	30	33	10.00%
Non-Violent Crimes	213	162	-23.94%
CRIMES TOTAL	254	201	-20.87%