

Super Neighborhood 17 Eldridge West Oaks

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th

6:45 PM Sign-In

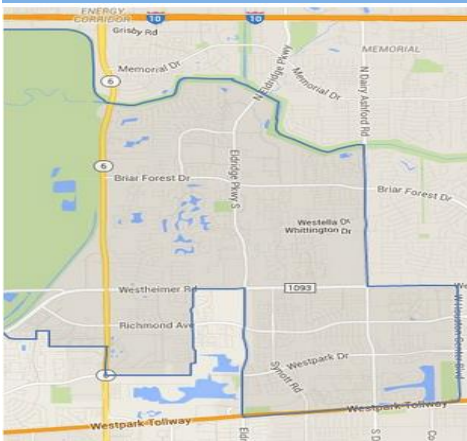
Eagle's Trace Retirement
Community

14703 Eagle Vista Dr. Houston

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SN17 Boundaries

Draft of Minutes from the meeting of June 12, 2019 of Super Neighborhood 17 – Eldridge/West Oaks

I. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Lozano opened the meeting. He established quorum with 8 delegates or alternates.

II. Acknowledge and Welcome to Guests and Visitors
Nina Mayes – office of Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (US House District 7)
Deanna Harrington – office of Representative Jim Murphy (TX House District 133)

Rene Ruiz – Mayor’s Citizens Assistance Office, Department of Neighborhoods

Councilman Greg Travis – Houston City Council District G

Van Huynh – office of Councilman Dr Steve Le (City of Houston District F)

Margarita Dunlap – METRO representative

Tony Buzbee – Candidate for Mayor

III. Community Safety

Andre Hernandez from HPD spoke on current safety matters. He started with sexual assaults. The two incidents involved victims who knew their assailant. Officer Hernandez then spoke on the significant spike in robbery, theft, and vehicle crimes. This is typical for this time of year as school is out. HPD would ask that we be aware of our surroundings and keep valuables out of sight. This would also include trash as anything that looks like it might have value may be of interest. Officer Hernandez also noted that when garbage is set out any boxes be condensed as it could serve as an advertisement to thieves. He also spoke to the YTD increase in burglary of buildings. There have been a number of incidents involving storage units and cell phone stores. Officer Hernandez also spoke on aggravated assaults. They are down and all the incidents this period involved either road rage or someone known to the victim. Next Officer Hernandez spoke on the homeless encampment that has recently set up behind West Houston Medical Center. The hospital is currently working with the city to have it cleared. Finally he concluded with a specific aggravated robbery. This involved a female who gave a known individual a ride who subsequently carjacked her. The car was quickly located and two suspects were apprehended. One had an outstanding warrant.

Crime Statistics in the last 30 days:

Aggravated Assault – down 54% from 24 to 11

Robbery – up 128% – from 7 to 16

Burglary Habitation – up 3.6% from 28 to 29

Burglary Building – up 18% from 11 to 13

BMV up 23% from 59 to 73

Theft – up 68% – from 31 to 52

Auto Theft – down 20% – from 20 to 16

- IV. While waiting for the next speaker Vice President John Lozano announced the resignation of President Jack O'Connor. A special election to replace the president will take place at the September meeting. That person will serve until the next regular election in January 2020.
- V. **Tony Buzbee, Candidate for Mayor** was introduced by Treasurer and law school classmate, Diane Guillerman. He then introduced himself as a retired USMC Captain, veteran of the Persian Gulf and Somalia, and self-made businessman. He spoke about the current mayor, and both a failure to act on recommendations from his first days in office as well as the perceived corruption that benefits business partners and not the citizens of the city.

On HPD Mr. Buzbee compared the City of Houston to New York. Houston currently employs 2.2 officers per-capita with 40% assigned to patrol. New York City which is a more condensed “vertical city” currently employs 4.4 officers per-capita and the typical police department has 60% of its officers assigned to patrol. HPD currently needs 1500 more officers. Due to inaction from the current administration, the best Mr. Buzbee currently expects to hire 600 over the next four years.

He also brought up how the current administration, through union and lawyers, has pitted HPD against HFD. While wasting city funds on contracts with his business partners he has failed to agree on a raise with HFD, or seek the expansion his own office recommended at the beginning of his term.

In response to audience questions on fundraising, Mr. Buzbee reiterated his commitment to self-fund his campaign and to not accept funds from other sources. He noted that the last election for mayor had a combined spend of about \$750K the current mayor already has a fund of about \$3M.

Mr. Buzbee stated that he intends to staff positions based on personality and not on politics.

- VI. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.

VII. Community Leaders

- a. **Rene Ruiz – Mayor’s Citizens Assistance Office, Department of Neighborhoods** – passed out literature on disaster prevention.
- b. **Van Huynh – office of Councilman Dr Steve Le (City of Houston District F)** – announced three items. Starting June 24 the city will be working on a sidewalk connecting the park at Eldridge and Westpark Dr. to the North. Panel replacements on Dairy Ashford from Westpark Dr. South to Alief-Clodine are approved, funded, and should run from June to November. Finally Van announced that he has been promoted to be District F, Council Member Dr. Le’s chief of staff.
- c. **Margarita Dunlap – METRO representative** – provided information on free student passes for METRO over the summer. She announced construction at the I-69/ I-610 interchange for the Post Oak BRT as well as construction at the NW Transit Center at I10 and I-610 for the same. Universal accessibility projects continue at METRO bus stops to make them compliant with ADA standards. Finally, she discussed beacons that have been installed in bus stops to provide information on next bus arrival.
- d. A member of the **campaign for Raj Salhotra – candidate Houston City Council At-Large Place 1** – presented key points. Information is available at www.rajforhouston.com

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. **Jeff Baker, Chair for Public Safety and Crime, Chair for Communications**, had two quick comments. Shootings are way up. We need to improve traffic on our website.
- b. **Diane Guillerman, Chair for Non-Profit Exploratory**, presented a handout on our current plan to organize as a 501(c) Non-Profit as stated in the by-laws. She concluded with her key advantages and disadvantages. Advantages: contributions could be tax-deductible, eligible for grants, limited liability. Disadvantages: \$300 in filing fees, requirement to keep and file records, subject to non-profit limitations, open to public scrutiny. No action was recommended or taken, though several individuals immediately offered to contribute the initial filing fee.

IX. There being no old business the meeting continued to new business.

X. New Business

Jeff Baker discussed the need to bring in more people. That we are here to help neighbors. He mentioned posting to various communities such as NextDoor, Facebook, and the SN17 website. Van brought up the Alief Super-neighborhood which at one point had shrunk to 4 or 5. They reached out for donations and brought in a person specifically for communications. Van also brought up that the city can match up to \$5K. He suggested we could focus on a specific project or a signature event. One example suggestion was an event to focus on the Memorial corridor road construction.

XI. With all business concluded the meeting was adjourned.

NO MEETING FOR JULY or AUGUST

NEXT MEETING: Sept 11, 7:00 PM AT EAGLES TRACE

*** SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT**

Featured Community of the Month

Terraces on Memorial



Terraces on Memorial is a gated community on Briarhills Parkway near State Highway 6. The community has 273 homes, of 3 different styles. There are Townhomes, Patio Homes and Single Homes. The Townhomes are 2 story and the Patio Homes are 2 and 3 story homes. The Single homes are both one and two story styles and many of those homes back up to our lake. This lake has fountains and a walking path around it for the community to enjoy. Our community is very convenient to I-10 and the Energy Corridor. We are also just about a hundred yards from accessing the Terry Hershey Park hike and bike trail.



Our community is very diverse, with a high number of energy company employees among our residents. Many are expats and it makes for a very pleasant mix of styles, cultures and recipes to embrace. Terraces on Memorial has contracted with Briarhills POA to utilize their amenities, just down the street. There is a pool, tennis courts, basketball court and a playground for the young children. We also participate with their community for Fourth of July parades, movie nights and other holiday events. They have just completed a major renovation of the pool and pool deck and have just completed construction of a new community center/clubhouse adjacent to the pool. The community center is available for private functions.

We are very close to John Paul II Catholic School and are zoned to the Barbara Bush elementary school. The community was started in early 2006 and the final home was completed in 2015. No homes were flooded during Hurricane Harvey.

Nick Kornuta

ELDRIDGE/WEST OAKS SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD

Super Neighborhood 17 (SN17)

Agenda Sept 11, 2019

7:00 PM

2018-2019

Website sn17.org

John Lozano Vice-President
Cindy Yeglin Secretary
John Auman Co-Secretary
Diane Guillerman Treasurer

**Eagles Trace
1703 Eagle Vista Drive**

6:45 Sign In/Refreshments

7:00 Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

7:05 Opening Remarks/Welcome and Introductions/Announcements

7:10 Security – Commander Faulhaber/Representative- HPD

7:20 Community Leaders

- **CM Dist. G – Greg Travis/Representative**
- **CM Dist. F – Dr. Steve Le/Representative**
- **City Hall – Rene Ruiz/Mayor’s Representative**
- **METRO – Margarita Dunlap**

7:40 State Representative-Jim Murphy

8:10 Approve June Minutes

8:10 Committee Reports

- **Public Safety, Security & Communications– Jeff Baker**
- **Non-Profit Status Exploratory – Diane Guillerman**

8:20 Old Business

8:25 New Business- Concerns of Individual Neighborhoods

8:30 Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2019 7:00 pm. Eagles Trace