

Delegate Duties:

During Mayor Brown's tenure as the mayor of Houston, he developed the idea of a "super neighborhood," an "organization of organizations," if you will. The intent was to get people to broaden their focus on a larger area of the city and to work collaboratively to address issues involving those areas, including individual neighborhoods, businesses, churches, etc. Super Neighborhood 17 ("SN 17") is one of the eighty-eight Super Neighborhoods within Houston. SN 17 was "recognized" by the City Council in 2010.

Under the SN 17 By-Laws, a "Delegate" "refer[s] to the individual(s) appointed as designated stakeholder representative(s), in the manner set forth in" the By-Laws." In short, a "delegate" is a representative of the "stakeholder" who appoints them pursuant to the SN 17 By-Laws. A "stakeholder" is an individual/HOA/entity or organization that resides in/lies within the SN17 boundaries.

A "representative" is one who represents another or others, an agent of the stakeholder. Delegates are, by definition, also "stakeholders" within the SN, but of course, a representative also stands or acts on behalf of others. For example, an HOA within the SN 17 boundaries appoints a delegate to represent the organization to the SN and vice versa.

Thus, as with any "representative," the delegate's duties include attending the SN 17 monthly meetings on behalf of its stakeholder, to report the issues addressed by the SN 17 when it conducts business, and to bring to the SN any particular issues or problems facing any particular stakeholder. In turn, the SN relies on the participation of the City's agents to assist with handling those matters brought to the SN.

As with any similar organization, delegates hold, run and vote for officers of the organization. SN 17 has a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also several committees that exist within SN 17 and delegates chair and direct those committees (e.g. Beautification, Flooding & Drainage, CIP projects, etc.) The level of participation can vary by individual and their desire to help SN 17 accomplish the various goals that suit their passion.