

Community Center General Meeting Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 18:30

Bayland Park
6400 Bissonnet Street
Houston, Texas 77074

II. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Gene Wu, Texas Congressional Representative District 137

Rep. Wu welcomes new District 137 constituents from redistricting that are also in Braeburn Super Neighborhood. Rep. Wu explains the general legislative session and the current special sessions. Rep. Wu comments on the Texas proposition modifying the homestead exemption. Rep. Wu opens the floor to questions.

Gena Sylvester, President asks about the Texas border wall funding and immigration's impact in our neighborhood. Rep. Wu comments that limited data is available, but there are more drug arrests and immigrants are moving to sectors without a border wall. Sylvester clarifies the question as crime prevention related and asks how our area can be cleaned up. Rep. Wu adds that Gulfton is about 40% undocumented and that has not changed since he took office. He also adds that as a former prosecutor, crime statistics for our area may appear larger due to crime density.

Jeannie Spriggs, Vice President comments on drug distribution and gunfire in our neighborhood. Rep. Wu responds that we need to work on specific problem areas like was done for Haverstock Hills in Greenspoint.

Brian Barragy, Committee Chairperson asks why civil asset forfeiture is not as common on recent federal human trafficking raids and arrests. Rep. Wu states they are renting, and the civil code changed for property owners to take remedial actions when they know.

Andrew Mikkelsen, Braes Timbers Delegate comments on immigrants not claiming asylum in other countries they pass through on the way to the border. Rep. Wu states he is happy to have a vigorous debate.

B. Abraham Zorilla, City of Houston Planner IV

Neighborhood Resilience Plan. The first meeting valued public services/quality of life, public safety, parks improvement, flood mitigation, infrastructure, economic development, and more. Introduction to the communication activity with Texas A&M students, Harris County Precinct Four, and City of Houston: breakout participation, collaboration, and discussion at various boards in the room. There are boards for housing, civic leadership, public safety, and more. Each board has specific questions developed from the first meeting to be included in the action plan. A third meeting in January or February will present the final action plan where the public will prioritize various identified action items. There is also a survey available online at: https://www.letstalkhouston.org/braeburn/survey_tools/survey2 See attachments #4-#14.

Andrew Mikkelsen, Braes Timbers Delegate comments that the priority should be mitigating flooding rather than parks and trails.

Gena Sylvester, President also states that the priority should be mitigating flooding, but resilience aids in bringing back businesses, beautification, and improvement. Public input is encouraged.

Jeannie Spriggs, Vice President asks if the City of Houston is progressing on any issues, yet. Zorilla states conversations are happening with stakeholders, but all the identified projects will be presented at the next meeting and to identify partnerships.

III. ADJOURN

The General Session of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30 adjourned without objection on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 20:30.

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Our Mission

The Planning and Development Department works to ensure Houston remains a vibrant and sustainable city by partnering with decision makers and the community to balance a spectrum of needs and interests while addressing the dynamics of growth and change.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Department Responsibilities

Plan Houston

Plan Houston is the City's first general plan and provides the vision and goals for the entire community generated by Houstonians themselves. The plan also provides 12 Core Strategies for how the City will achieve those vision and goals. These strategies, and more specific actions associated with them, provide the City with guidance on how to provide its core services in a more efficient and effective way. See PlanHouston.org.

Complete Communities

Complete Communities is about improving neighborhoods so that all of Houston's residents and business owners can have access to quality services and amenities. It's about working closely with the residents of communities that haven't reached their full potential, understanding their strengths and opportunities, and collaborating with partners across the city to strengthen them. The Complete Communities initiative is currently developing Action Plans in five pilot neighborhoods – Acres Home, Third Ward, Gulfton, Near Northside, and Second Ward.

Land Development

The Department plays a critical role in the review of private development inside Houston's city limits and, in some instances, the area beyond where the City has extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Staff reviews applications and recommends actions to the Planning Commission (see Department-Supported Commissions on the back of this page).

The types of applications include:

- Subdivision plats submitted for compliance with Houston's land development ordinance throughout the city and the ETJ area;
- Site plans related to building permit applications for compliance with off-street parking regulations, tree and shrub regulations and setback requirements within the city limits; and
- Applications to locate certain types of development such as hotel/motels, hazardous material storage facilities and cellular towers within the city limits.

Transportation Planning

The Department serves as the lead for transportation planning and coordination within the City. Distinctly different from roadway maintenance and traffic management, transportation planning identifies and coordinates regional mobility systems, including future expansions. Staff coordinates mobility plans with other regional transportation planning agencies, including Public Works and Engineering, METRO, Harris County, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Harris County Toll Road Authority. Key projects and initiatives include the Complete Streets Executive Order, the Bike Master Plan, general mobility studies, Livable Centers Studies, and the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).

The MTFP provides notice to property owners regarding the need for new or expanded roadways and serves as the basis for required right-of-way dedication during the land development process.

Resilient Home Guideline

Is your home resilient?
Find out with our
Resilient Home Questionnaire!


Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/406fRzX and discover how well
you and your home can withstand
any shocks that come your way.



To contact
Steve Stelzer scan
the QR code or
visit: bit.ly/3zrsjPk



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Learn How You Can Preserve the Character of Your Neighborhood

New land development rules in the City of Houston mean more Houstonians can maintain their neighborhood's established character.

- **Preserve the existing lot sizes and prevent incompatible development.**
- **Ensure that future buildings conform to existing building lines.**

To get an application for your neighborhood or to ask for more information, contact:

**Planning and Development Department
(832) 393-6600
www.houstonplanning.com**

What is it?

A *Special Minimum Lot Size* designation prevents lots from being divided below a certain size, which in most cases, prevents redevelopment into townhomes. For example, if 5,000 square feet was established as the *Special Minimum Lot Size* for an area, no lots within that area could be subdivided into lots smaller than 5,000 square feet.

A *Special Minimum Building Line* designation prevents new buildings from being built closer to the street than a portion of the buildings that are already there. For example, if a block of homes has been constructed where the typical distance from the front of the building to the sidewalk is 20 feet, new construction must be placed no closer than 20 feet from the sidewalk.

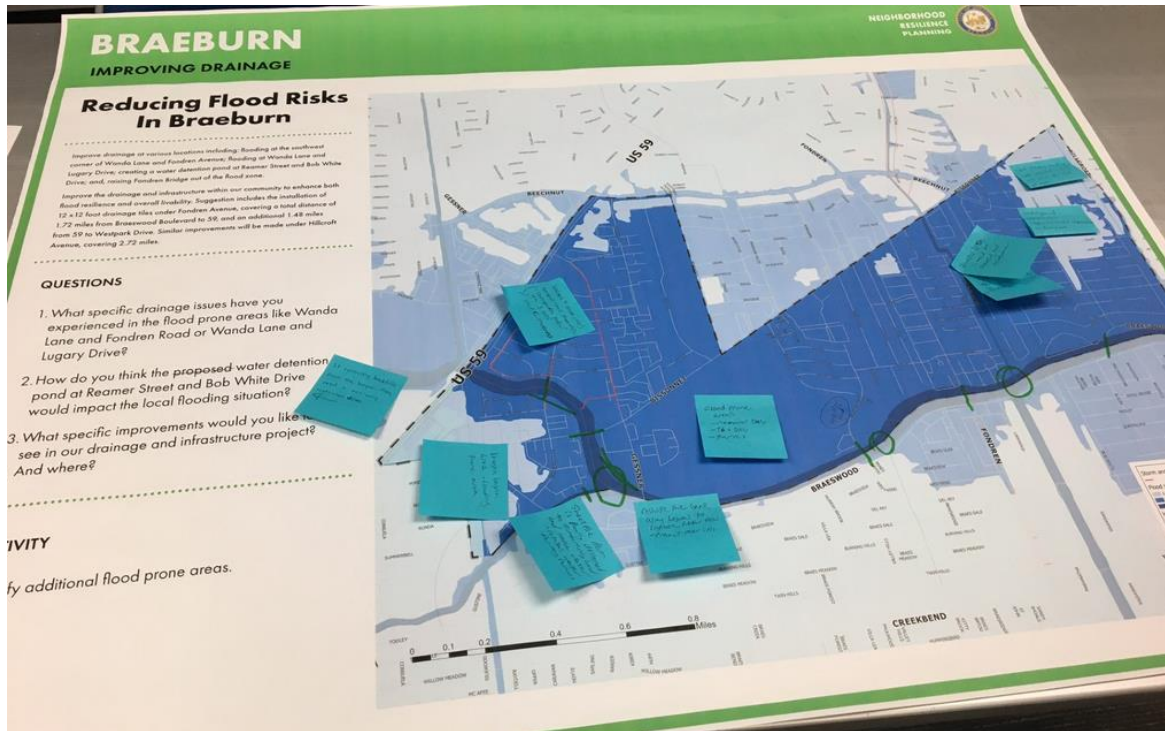
How can your neighborhood get these designations?

The Planning and Development Department staff can help you determine if your neighborhood qualifies. They can also help you complete the application process.

Contact the Planning and Development Department at 832-393-6600.

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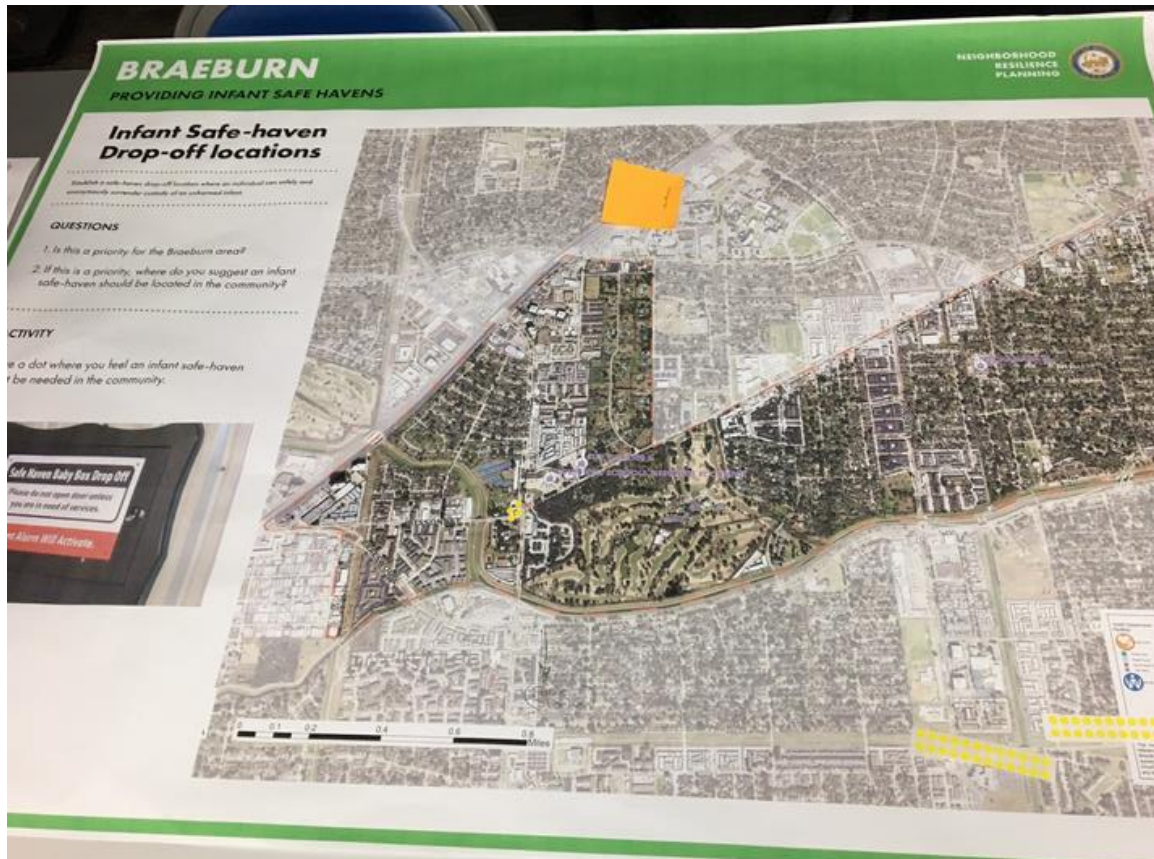
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ATTACHMENT #6: TREE DENSITY



ATTACHMENT #7: INFANT DROP OFF



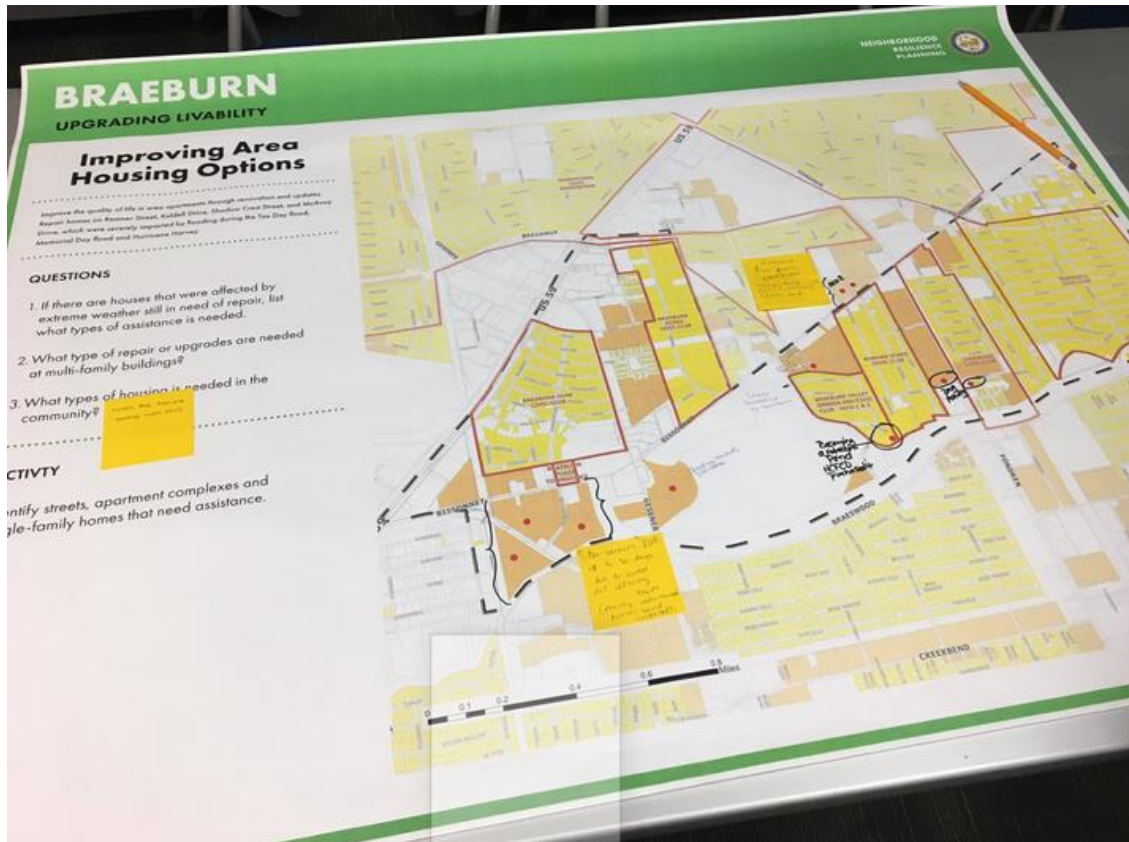
ATTACHMENT #8: RALLY POINTS



ATTACHMENT #9: HOME RESILIENCY



ATTACHMENT #10: HOUSING



ATTACHMENT #11: PUBLIC SAFETY



ATTACHMENT #12: MOBILITY

