

Braeburn Super Neighborhood

Community Center

General Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 18:30

Bayland Park
6400 Bissonnet Street
Houston, Texas
77074 and virtual
via Zoom

Minutes

ATTENDEES

Gena Sylvester, President; Jeanie Spriggs, Vice President; Jeanie Spriggs; Bert Ruiz, Communications Secretary and Committee Chairperson; Reese Ermis, Recording Secretary and Committee Chairperson; Doug Phillips, Braeburn Terrace I; Mary McGuire, Braeburn Terrace II; Agelia Pérez Márquez, Robindell; Dennis Beedon, Robindell; Bebe Garcia, Robindell; Don Hickle, Brays Bayou Association; Lisa Hernandez, Houston Parks Board; Judy Spriggs, Braes Timbers; James Spriggs, Braes Timbers; Darius Springer; Sandy Bishop; John Brach Jr; Tristan Russo; Jaye Puryear; Christine McKeon; Maria Holz; George Mercado; Brian Pendleton, Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 Staff; Justice Coutee McCullum, City of Houston. Abraham Zorilla, City of Houston Planning Department Staff; Wilfredo Santamaria, Houston Metro.

WELCOME

Gena Sylvester, President, called the General Meeting of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council

#30 to order at 18:35 on Thursday, March 7, 2024. As a simple majority of the duly designated Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council members (6) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting, this meeting is with a quorum.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Abraham Zorilla, City of Houston Planning Department Staff

Introduction to the next meeting of the Neighborhood Resilience Planning initiative. Boards are up in the room and attendees may use stickers to assign priorities to the proposed project ideas. Raffle tickets are available. Super Neighborhood business will resume following the break for attendees to visit boards and add stickers.

Gena Sylvester, President, summarizes the results of priorities on the board and opens the floor for feedback, questions, and additional project ideas. Agelia Pérez Márquez, Robindell, inquires about the Safe Haven Baby Box and Brays Bayou's Conditional Letter of Map Revision. Discussion of unrepaired homes from flooding.

NEW BUSINESS

Gena Sylvester, President, summarizes a public meeting by Rep. Shiela Jackson Lee and Braeswood Super Neighborhood. TxDOT is planning for large culverts installed by 2027 to pull water from the George R. Brown Convention Center area to Brays Bayou near SH-288.

Gena Sylvester, President, mentions the opportunity of a City of Houston grant for super neighborhood projects, which has a deadline of tomorrow.

Brian Pendleton, Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 Staff mentions an Easter egg hunt event at Bayland Park, a free dental care event, and an event from Benevides to Burnet-Bayland Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Gena Sylvester, President, mentions the benefits of District J Patrol and how they can help with non-emergency issues.

Gena Sylvester, President, provides an update on the Bayland Park renovation ideas of moving.

ADJOURN

Gena Sylvester, President, announced the General Session of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30 was adjourned without objection on Thursday, March 7, 2023, at 19:52.

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Enhancing Safety & Social Supports

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Prioritizing Safety Projects

PROJECT AIM	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CITY DEPARTMENTS	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	PRIORITY (low, medium, high)
Increase Public Safety	Install Solar/LED lights or 'other' bridge lighting on Braes Bayou, as well as along Gesner Rd., Fondren Rd., and Hillcroft St. Install security cameras. Increase patrol units and promote community involvement through the Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meeting reporting.	Houston Police Department, Houston Public Works	Super Neighborhood Association, Civic Clubs, Houston Parks Board	Short-term (1-2 Years)	High
Establish a Baby Drop-Off Box	Create a solution for mothers in crisis to surrender infants safely and anonymously. Examples include the Safe Haven Baby Boxes program.	Houston Fire Department	Safe Haven Baby Boxes	Short-term (1-2 Years)	High
Increase Civic Engagement Across Neighborhoods	Collaborate with the Super Neighborhood Council (SNC) to distribute public resources aimed at addressing community concerns. Report issues and set up efficient communication channels to receive essential updates, including disaster alerts from the county.	Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Department of Housing	Super Neighborhood Association, Civic Clubs	Medium-term (3-5 years)	Medium
Explore Community Safe Havens for Disaster Resilience	Establish designated locations that can serve as safe havens during natural disasters. These spaces will provide shelter and safety to residents in times of crisis, enhancing the community's overall disaster resilience.	Houston Fire Department, Houston Police Department	Super Neighborhood Association, Harris County, Trees for Houston	Short-term (1-2 Years)	High



ATTACHMENT #2: BOARD TWO

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Enhancing Transportation



Prioritizing Transportation Projects

PROJECT AIM	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CITY DEPARTMENTS	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	PRIORITY (Low, medium, high)
Optimize Traffic Flow and Safety in the Neighborhood	Improve safety and traffic flow on major thoroughfares between 670 and US 59, especially during high peak traffic times and around public and private schools.	Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Public Works	Harris County, Super Neighborhood Association, Houston Department of Neighborhoods, METRO, Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest	Long term (6+ years)	High
Improve Connectivity to the Medical Center	Advocate for, and educate residents about existing bus lines and METRO rail as well as the METRO Rapid Gulfton Corridor and University METRO Rapid projects.	Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Public Works	Harris County, Super Neighborhood Association, Houston Department of Neighborhoods, METRO, Neighborhoods to Trails southwest	Long term (6+ years)	High
Improve Beechnut Street Connectivity	To promote accessible and sustainable transportation options, fostering connectivity in the heart of the community. The project will connect the Southwest Medical Center, Houston Christian University, and Hillcroft Ave., through the improvement of public transportation and the construction of a hike/bike path along the Beechnut St. esplanade.	Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Public Works	Harris County, Super Neighborhood Association, Houston Department of Neighborhoods, METRO, Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest	Long term (6+ years)	High
Connect Bayland Park to Brays Bayou with new amenities	Establish a safe path between Bayland Park and Brays Bayou enhancing accessibility for pedestrians and bikers in a protected space along Hillcroft Ave. Examine including tree plantings or art.	Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Public Works, Houston Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs	Harris County, Trees for Houston, Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest	Medium-term (3-5 Years)	Medium
Improve Hike and Bike connection between McNamara Elementary School and the community	After completing the Birchliff Ditch improvements, initiate discussions with Harris County and the City to construct a Grape Street connector over the ditch, facilitating school pick-up and drop-off for residents west of the ditch, and to develop a hike/bike path atop the ditch.	Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Public Works	Harris County Flood Control District, Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest	Long-term (6+ years)	High



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Enhancing Beauty & Quality of Life

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Prioritizing Beautification Projects

PROJECT AIM	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CITY DEPARTMENTS	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	PRIORITY (Low, medium, high)
Implement Tree Planting Projects to Increase Resiliency	Plant and replace native trees strategically around the neighborhood (Fondren Road, Braeburn Valley, dog park in Rotenberg, and Blakeswood area) to boost community pride, reduce the impact of heat, reduce pollution concentrations, and help mitigate flooding.	Houston Parks & Recreation Department, Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Public Works	Houston Toolbank, Trees for Houston	Short-term (1-2 Years)	High
Beautify the Community with Native Plants	Plant native plants in key locations around the neighborhood to improve community pride. Conduct annual wildflower planting on Braes Bayou.	Houston Parks & Recreation Department	Volunteer Houston, Harris County Flood Control District	Short-term (1-2 Years)	Medium



ATTACHMENT #4: BOARD FOUR









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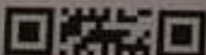
Current Drainage Projects

PROJECT AIM	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CITY DEPARTMENTS	PARTNERS
<p>Improve Drainage near Braeburn Glen & Birdliff Ditch</p> 	<p>Install drainage in several locations to enhance both flood resilience and overall livability. Suggested drainage improvements will take place at Birdliff Ditch, Fondren Rd., and Hillcroft St.  </p> <p>CURRENT PROJECTS</p> <p>Braeburn Glen area - Replace storm sewer pipes, install new inlets, manholes, and new storm sewers</p> <p>Sharpstown Area project -The Birdliff Ditch proposed project includes a trunk system in the D-133 channel from Beechnut St. to Brays Bayou, and an additional drainage box system under Fondren Rd., from D-133-01 to Brays Bayou</p>	<p>Houston Public Works</p> 	<p>Harris County Flood Control District</p> 
<p>Improve Drainage near Wanda Ln. & Fondren Rd.</p> 	<p>Improve drainage at Wanda Ln. and Fondren Rd., Wanda Ln. and Lugary Dr., and Reamer St., and Bob White Dr. Construct a detention pond aimed at mitigating flooding. Explore raising the bridge at Fondren Rd. A detention pond will be constructed to mitigate the impacts on Brays Bayou.</p> <p>CURRENT PROJECT</p> <p>The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFC) will construct a detention pond at 9100 Fondren Rd., to alleviate flooding at Wanda Ln. and Fondren Rd., Wanda Ln., and Lugary St., and surrounding areas. HCFC is assessing existing flood risks and evaluating proposed flood mitigation alternatives for the F-08 Fondren Diversion Channel Feasibility Study.</p>	<p>Houston Public Works</p> 	<p>Harris County Flood Control District</p> 



Braeburn Glen Area - Project# M-410040-0001-0
 Project Phase: Design | Start: Winter 2026 | Completion: Summer 2027
<http://www.projectslist.com/braeburn-glen-area>

D-133 Birdliff Ditch - Sharpstown Area project
https://harriscounty-texas.gov/drainage/Study/18_sharpstown.pdf



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PROJECT AIM	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CITY DEPARTMENTS	PARTNERS
<p>Improve Drainage by Addressing the Merging of Brays Bayou and Keegan Bayou</p>	<p>Construct drainage projects at, or around the connection of Brays Bayou and Keegan Bayou to drastically reduce or eliminate structural flooding in the community.</p> <p>CURRENT PROJECT The Ruffing Hills Landfill project site is slated to be used for detention/mitigation associated with HCFCD's Keegan Bayou Channel Improvements. This portion of the project is in the analysis phase.</p>	<p>Houston Public Works</p>	<p>Harris County Flood Control District</p>



Ruffing Hills Landfill Detention Analysis
 Project Phase: Conceptual
 Application Submission Date: TCEQ Type IX March 10, 2023
 Start: TBD | Completion: TBD
<https://www.engapphouston.org/ruffinghillslandfill>

Summary & Final Thoughts



ATTACHMENT #6: BOARD SIX

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Improving the Community & Housing

NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PLANNING

Prioritizing Housing Projects

PROJECT AIM	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CITY DEPARTMENTS	PARTNERS	TIMELINE	PRIORITY <small>Low, Medium, High</small>
Home Insurance Savings Assistance	Empower homeowners to reduce insurance costs by actively shopping for deals, accessing discounts, and optimizing deductibles, following guidance from the Texas Department of Insurance.	N/A	Super Neighborhood Association, Texas Department of Insurance, Houston Financial Empowerment Center	Medium term (3-5 Years)	
Resident-Driven Apartment Improvements and Upgrades	Enhance the quality of life in local apartments through targeted renovations and upgrades by engaging with residents and landlords to identify key areas needing improvement. Encourage landlords to pursue funding for necessary enhancements to apartment conditions such as local grants.	Houston Planning & Development Department, Houston Housing & Community Development Department	Houston Multi-Family Habitability Task Force, Code Enforcement	Medium-term (3-5 Years)	
Repair and Weatherize Homes Still Affected by Flooding	Repairing and restoring homes still affected by flood related damage with a focus on Resnet, Kuddell, Shadow Creek, and McAvoy. Flooding events include areas heavily affected by the Tax Day, Memorial Day floods, and Hurricane Harvey floods. Elevate houses above the floodplain as required by recent changes to Chapter 15 in the Code of Ordinances.	Houston Housing & Community Development Department, Houston General Services Department	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Long-term (6+ years)	

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