

Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30

Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2021 @ 6:30pm via Zoom

I. 6:30pm Welcome

- President's Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Bert Ruiz
- Attendees included: Gena Sylvester, Bert Ruiz, Doug Phillips, Kim Hatton, Jeanie Spriggs, Reese Ermis, Brian Barragy, Stephen Polnaszek, Alyssa Keller, Don Hickle, Terry Cominsky, David Hernandez, Andrew Mikkelson.
- Approval of October 2021 Minutes – Motion by Doug Phillips, Second by David Hernandez

II. 6:40pm City Council Member Office Updates – Did not attend because of the holiday (Veterans Day)

- District C Staff - Absent
- District J Staff - Absent
- At Large, Sallie Alcorn Staff - Absent

III. 7:40pm Committee Reports

Reese Ermis

The 50/50 Parks Partner Initiative at will hold a Listening Session in December to seek input on project that will focus on Braeburn Glen Park. Information will be sent to all neighborhoods encouraging public input on the distribution of funds.

Andrew Mickelson

There is a new website to review new and current projects in the city. The website is <https://www.engagehouston.org>. Andrew will review incomplete city projects such as the conduit on the Bintliff bike path not being completed for lights planned. He shared a concern regarding multiple projects started but have yet to be completed with no signs of current activity.

Alyssa Keller

No report.

Brian Barragy

No report.

IV. 7:30pm New Business/Announcements

- Bert Ruiz
On October 31, property damage occurred in Braeburn Valley at three residences due to a drive-by shooting with a bb gun. An alert slip was filed requesting HPD patrol in the

neighborhood, as well as Wanda at the Fondren entry point. Gena Sylvester reported that Robindell also had a similar event in October on Reamer Street.

- Gena Sylvester
Robindell constable patrol begins in Robindell in March of 2022 at \$85,000 per year or \$140 per household. Kim Hatton stated that the cost was too expensive. Bert Ruiz – Gang presence is a concern on Bissonnet that is impacting Bonham Acres and Braeburn Valley neighborhoods.
- Bert Ruiz
Bert reached out to District J office requesting assistance obtaining information about gated community options. The office committed to setting up a meeting with the legal department.
- Kim Hatton (Bonham Acres)
Diverters are a really good idea if a gated community is not an option. David Hernandez stated it takes seven years for the installation of the diverter in Braeburn Glen. Kim Hatton asked if there is a person in a particular office that could get something done. David Hernandez suggested trying the District Service funds. Reese Ermis suggested two options. The first is getting permits for a virtual gate system made with cameras. There are companies that can do this passively as vehicles enter the neighborhood, and either with no signage or with signage at the cameras. The companies which do this have varying privacy-minded policies. Some neighborhoods, the closest being Sharpstown, have implemented this. Diverters are option #2 and may be more feasible if approached from closing roads to automobiles passing through a neighborhood while also encouraging bicycles and pedestrians to easily pass through a vehicle diverter. David Hernandez said their project was \$20,000. Street cushions and diverters were two separate projects.
- Stephen Polnaszek
He is working with Braes Oaks Management District for their trails to be included in the Braes Oaks proposal. It has taken five years to get five speed bumps approved. Kim Hatton warned Stephen to be mindful of the height of the new asphalt speedbumps.
- David Hernandez
Trying to get neighbors to call and report crime is an issue. Calling 911 and getting a busy signal or wait time is also an issue. Brian Barragy asked if there is a way to track the results of a call to HPD and if an issue should be noted on the District J site. Bert Ruiz confirmed that any violation submitted to the District J Patrol site, is tracked, and includes status updates. Reporting incidents is important to determine the source of the illegal activity should be a focus as well.
- Kim Hatton
Kim questioned the effectiveness of the Citizen Patrol Program. Gena Sylvester added that, at present, the program through the Nitida station is inactive. Andrew shared that there is a site that tracks activities. The website is <http://www.houstontx.gov/activeincidents/> Bert shared that some residents use the Citizens app which might be a good resource for current crime reports. The information will be posted on our website.
- Gena Sylvester asked for assistance on how to confirm that there are multiple residents in single family homes. Doug Phillips stated that www.publicdata.com used to work for licenses. Bert Ruiz suggested requesting tenant's names from absentee owners.

- V. 8:00pm Adjourn – Motion by David Hernandez, Second by Doug Phillips.
- Next Meeting – December 9, 2021 at 6:30pm