# Braeburn Super Neighborhood

Community Center

General Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 18:30

Bayland Park 6400 Bissonnet Street Houston, Texas 77074

# **Minutes**

# **ATTENDEES**

Gena Sylvester, President; Reese Ermis, Recording Secretary and Committee Chairperson; Brian Barragy, Committee Chairperson; Andrew Mikkelsen, Braes Timbers Delegate; Kim Hatton, Bonham Acres; Stephen Polnaszek, Neighborhoods to Trails SW; Don Hickle, Brays Bayou Association; John White, Bonham Acres; Elgie Gloriana; Shelly Bernash; Judy Spriggs, Braes Timbers; James Spriggs, Braes Timbers; Cynthia Besara, Braes Timbers; Bebe Garcia, Robindell; Mavalin Mikeska, Robindell; Jared Lydell, Robindell; Asher Alexander, Robindell; Aimee Turney, Texas Congressional District 137 Staff; Dwight Baxter, Texas Congressional District 146 Staff; Brian Pendleton, Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 Community Engagement Coordinator; Freddy Gomez, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Staff; Edward Pollard, City of Houston Council Member District J; Sallie Alcorn, City of Houston Council Member At-Large Position 5; Katy Shelton, City of Houston Member At-Large Position 5 Staff; Lynn Henson, City of Houston Division Manager of Community and Regional Planning; Abraham Zorilla, City of Houston Planner IV; Desmine Allen, City of Houston Senior Community Liaison; Angel Ponce, City of Houston Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities; Steve Stelzer, City of Houston Green Building Resource Center; Aleah Phote, City of Houston.

# I. WELCOME

# A. Call to Order

Gena Sylvester, President, called the General Meeting of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30 to order at 18:43 on Thursday, July 13, 2023, in a joint meeting with the City of Houston Planning and Development Department's Kick-Off Meeting for the Neighborhood Resilience Plan.

# B. Announcement of a Quorum

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.
- C. Attendees introduce themselves.

# II. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Sallie Alcorn, Council Member At-Large Position 5.

Presentation on the new City of Houston FY budget with a 6% increase. This year's budget is outcome-based budgeting rather than incremental budgeting in the past. In District J, violent crime is down 8% and non-violent crime is down 2%. Commercial vehicles are now prohibited from parking on a city street for more than 2 hours unless loading or unloading. Large vehicles are now included, and large vehicles are also prohibited on public streets from 2 am to 6 am.

Gena Sylvester, President asks about solid waste. Alcorn responds that solid waste service needs better equipment and service. Signup bonuses are active for new hires. \$3 million was recently paid for illegal dumping.

John White, Bonham Acres asks about why solid waste service has been a problem for years. Alcorn responds that citizens do not like additional solid waste fees.

Asher Alexander, Robindell asks about technology to improve solid waste weekly service. Alcorn responds that technology will be needed to solve the problems.

- B. Lynn Henson, City of Houston Division Manager of Community and Regional Planning Neighborhood Resilience Plan. The goal is to create a plan to make the Braeburn Super Neighborhood's area more resilient. Resilient districts look at neighborhoods. **See attachments** #1-#3).
- C. Abraham Zorilla, City of Houston Planner IV

Explanation of Activity. There are three public meetings: (1) kick-off, (2) projects and partners, and (3) prioritize and adopt. A final draft of projects will be prioritized at the last meeting. Ideas will be taken to the City of Houston subject matter experts for viability. Several city departments are present: Solid Waste Department, Office of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office of Resilience and Sustainability, and Green Building Resource Center.

D. Edward Pollard, City of Houston Council Member District J

Ensure neighbors know about the planning project and how they can be more engaged. Make your comments known to the City of Houston knows your opinions.

E. Steve Stelzer, City of Houston Green Building Resource Center.

There is a resilient home guide available to homeowners including a diagnostic tool kit of eight questions.

F. Abraham Zorilla, City of Houston Planner IV

Introduction to the communication activity: breakout participation, collaboration, and discussion at various boards in the room. **See attachments #4-#9**.

# III. ADJOURN

Gena Sylvester, President announced the General Session of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30 adjourned without objection on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 20:05.

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# BRAEBURN Neighborhood Resilience Planning DATA SNAPSHOT

The Neighborhood Resilience Planning study for Braeburn is situated between Brays Bayou

Bissonnet in southwest Houston.

Braeburn is a group of subdivisions along Brays Bayou, west of Hillcroft Avenue and south of the Sharpstown community. The

first of these middle-class subdivisions was developed after World War II at a time when

Bissonnet provided the route into the city.

Data included here has been compiled from

the decennial Census data in 2020 the latest

American Community Survey.

Many large tracts of land were developed as apartment complexes. Subdivisions found here include Robindell, Braeburn Glen, Braes Terrace, Larkwood, Braeburn Valley, and the acreage lot subdivision, Brae Acres. Braeburn is approximately 2,550 acres (4 sq. miles).



142,596

### **BRAEBURN Neighborhood Resilience Planning** DATA SNAPSHOT CITY OF E BRAEBURN 2020 Number Number Percentage **Total Population** 2,313,238 196 17.961 Race/Ethnicity White Alone 558,561 17% 3,104 Black or African American Alone 515,956 10% 1,725 Asian Alone 995 6% 157,230 Hispanic or Latino 1,028,742 23.532 131% Other 380,298 1,837 10% Age 17 Years or Younger 5,608 31% 626,744 18-64 Years Old 11,132 62% 1,432,366 65 Years or Older 490 254,128 3% Place of Birth Foreign Born Residents 8,595 48% 701,914 Means of Transportation to Work Drove Alone/Carpooled 8.217 39% 947,696 Public Transportation 574 3% 40,447 Other (Walk, Bicycle, Work at Home, etc.) 604 3% 114,951 Educational Attainment 25 Years + Less Than High School 5,838 23% 307,533 High School Graduate (includes equivalency) 230 196 335,277 Some college (no degree) 688 3% 265,241 Bachelor's degree 295 196 402,870 Master's, Professional Doctorate degree 3,781 15% 206,665 Median Household Income \$40,669 Percent of Households Below Poverty 1,508 20%

# ATTACHMENT #3: PRESERVATION HANDOUT



# Learn How You Can Preserve the Chara 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

# What is it?

A Special Minimum Let Size designation provents lots below a certain size, which in most cases, prevents townhomes. For example, if 5,000 square feet was subdivided into lots smaller than 5,000 square feet.

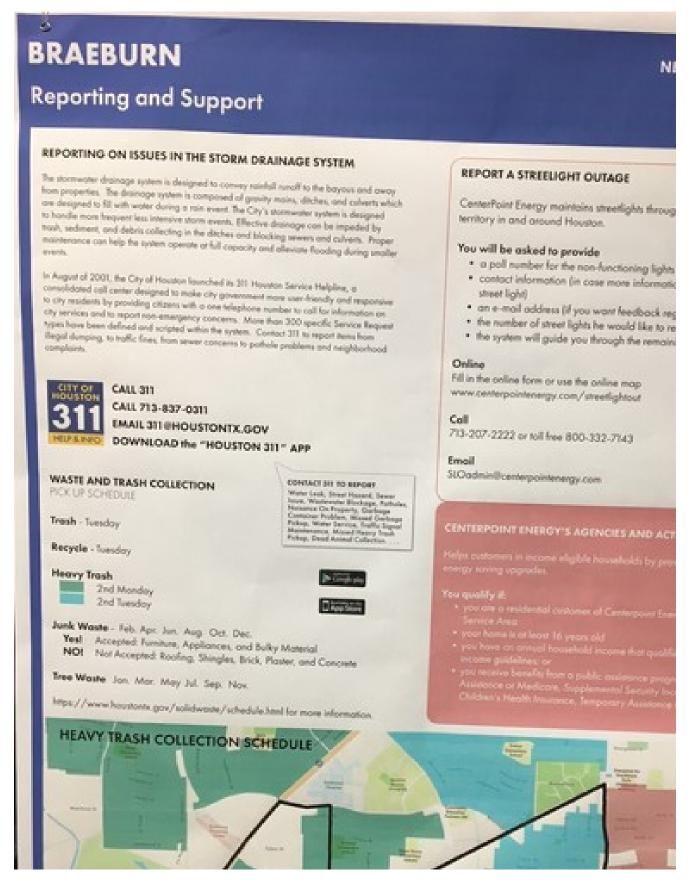
A Special Minimum Building Line designation prevents being built closer to the street than a parties of the already there. For example, if a black of fremes, has where the typical distance from the front of the building 20 feet, new construction must be placed no closer the sidewalk.

# How can your neighborhood get these desi

The Planning and Development Department staff determine if your neighborhood qualities. They cu complete the application process.

Contact the Flanning and Development Department at 83

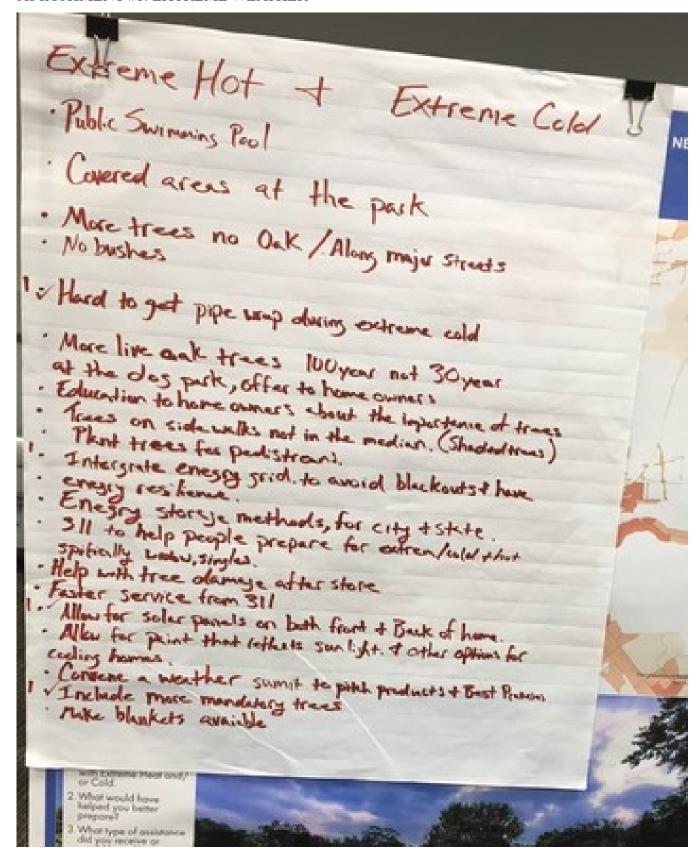
# ATTACHMENT #4: REPORTING AND SUPPORT BOARD



# ATTACHMENT #5: STORMS BOARD



# ATTACHMENT #6: EXTREME WEATHER



# ATTACHMENT #7: COMMUNITY HISTORY

