

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2022 MEETING
BRAEBURN SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD #30

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bert Ruiz, Gena Sylvester, Stephen Polnaszek, Doug Phillips, Don Hickle, Alice Lee, Brian Barragy
Hanna Cobb, Jeannie Spriggs, Sandra Rodriguez, Alyssa Keller, Reese Ermis, Courtney Barth
Sharon Fletcher, David Alexander, Veronica Hernandez, Sheri Cortez, David Hernandez, Kim Hatton,
Terry Cominsky

December minutes were approved by Doug Phillips and second by Brian Barragy

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

DISTRICT C REPORT

Sharon Fletcher reported the passing of Shot Spotter expansion and discussed delays in trash pickup.

Comments:

Doug Phillips was concerned that pickup was a day early in Braeburn Terrace.

Bert Ruiz questioned the communication for changes in schedule.

Hanna Cobb mentioned the Solid Waste Facebook Page.

DISTRICT AT-LARGE

Hanna Cobb reviewed noise issues, the Composting Pilot Program which is expanding to curbside, and the Shared Services Initiative that is putting a team together. She noted that Houston is one of the few cities that has no shared health services.

Comments:

Bert Ruiz asked who will be on the team. Hannah responded that has not been established.

DISTRICT J REPORT

David Hernandez announced Private Trash Day on Saturday, January 22nd. He also mentioned that the more accurate reporting of shots fired is on Next Door, the sidewalk Project at Jason and Nairn is about to start, there were 1000 submissions for the HOT team last year and there is a safety project ongoing in the Gulfton area where multiple accidents have occurred around the bike lane.

Comments:

Stephen Polnaszek gave additional information regarding bike lanes.

Reese Ermis asked a question about District C's funding needed for a trash day. David responded that they received \$50,000 from the City Council.

Bert Ruiz inquired about the process.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Bert Ruiz explained that there are two consecutive one-year terms to allow others to participate. All current board members are willing to serve a second term. Bert Ruiz (President), Reese Ermis (Vice-President), Jeannie Spriggs (Treasurer), Alyssa Keller (Communications Secretary) and Gena Sylvester (Treasurer) will vacate at the end of the year.

After discussion, Doug Phillips made the motion to accept the slate as read and a second was made by Kim Hatton. Voting was in the affirmative by acclamation. David Hernandez, Andrew Mikkelson and Kitty Meyers were absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Reese Ermis stated that the discussion at the Braeburn Glen Park Listening Session was a focus on where best to use the funds: The volleyball court, seating areas or fencing near the bayou area. A questionnaire is in circulation and options are still open. Burglaries have increased for area businesses. He discussed an auto license recognition project due to so many paper plates. Leaders at the Public Safety Meeting are considering using cameras in this area. He stressed the importance of code enforcement for businesses on Bissonnet

Comments:

Alice Lee mentioned that funding has been approved for forty cameras in District C. The cameras are \$2500 per year per camera lease and \$250 per camera for installation. The camera leases on Bintliff and Sharpstown are not being renewed.

Brian asked about sidewalks.

Veronica Hernandez stated that the Department of Neighborhoods manages anything related to Chapter 10 (high weeds, etc.) and a 311 is necessary.

Kim Hatton mentioned that Bissonnet Square is happy with HPD responses but that it is difficult to get a coordinated effort between Bissonnet Square, 311, and HPD.

Reese Ermis said the 311 reports are coupled. CSPED says a broken window, for example, results in more crime to the area.

Brian Barragy suggested that putting calls on an Excel file and sending them to District C, J and the Department of Neighborhoods would be helpful.

Kim Hatton questioned what the districts are doing about the tent cities like the one at Meyerland. Reese responded that the new state law bans camping in public spaces.

Brian Barragy shared that the newest city initiative is to acquire vacant properties as safe spaces for the homeless.

Hannah Cobb responded that the Coalition for Homeless Houston is working on a Navigation Center for them.

Bert Ruiz added that the first notice for violations should be a learning opportunity.

Brian Barragy requested that notes on violations should be sent to him, and he will contact the businesses.

David Alexander offered himself as a resource as he is bilingual.

Bert closed the discussion by mentioning that signs were put out for the District J heavy trash pickup program.

STAKEHOLDER AND DELEGATE RECRUITMENT/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Brian Barragy has struggled to get information on new construction projects in the area but has had positive conversation regarding expansion.

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Andrew Mikkelson was absent

COMMUNICATION

Alyssa Keller had no updates.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheri Cortez discussed the Bissonnet track and human trafficking. There will be a vice meeting tomorrow to discuss initiatives. Traffic has decreased and officers are patrolling the area three times per day. The closing of roads is being considered. Day laborers are being arrested for solicitation and this is new. They are advertising as far away as Atlanta.

Brian Barragy stated that the activity is being pushed into the neighborhoods and that HPD might focus on cantinas.

SCHEDULE

Bert Ruiz requested that we meet every other month with board members meeting in interim months.

Reese Ermis suggested that we begin to meet in person.

Reese Ermis made the motion and Kim Hatton offered the second.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alice Lee said the Annual March for Crime Appreciation Lunch is being held at Houston Baptist in the theater on Tuesday, March 29th. Westside, Gessner, and Southwest Divisions give awards and box lunches will be available.

Terry Cominsky announced that the Super Neighborhood 31 meeting will be on January 24th, and it will be virtual. They will investigate the encampments discussed earlier.

Veronica Hernandez stated that the library is open, but the senior program has not started.

Stephen Polnaszek added that the Transportation meeting will be on the 19th and Susan Devosky (sic), on the Galveston Council, will be the guest speaker.

ADJOURN

Motion – Brian Barragy

Second – Reese Ermis