

BRAEBURN SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD #30 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 30, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bert Ruiz, President, Jeanie Spriggs, Jeannie Spriggs, Darren Spriggs, Gena Sylvester, Reese Ermis, Don Hickle, Kim Hatton, James Lemons, Beverly Bishop, Donna spencer, Steve Polnaszek, David Hernandez, Andrew Mikkelson, John White, Scott Ernest, Officer Kelvis Woods – HPD South Gessner, and Officer Fernando Mora

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – John White moved. Kim Hatton second.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES – No representation

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SLATE:

Gena Sylvester – President

Jeannie Spriggs – Vice-President

Reese Ermis – Recording Secretary

Bert Ruiz – Communications Secretary

Slate was approved by acclamation.

REVISION OF BYLAWS:

Bert Ruiz asked for input on the following changes:

1. Replacing the word “Club” with “Association.”
2. Staggering the terms of office versus officers keeping their positions for consecutive years.

John White did not see the need for term limits.

Andrew Mikkelson felt that positions should change every two years.

Bert Ruiz suggested that term limits would allow others to participate.

GUEST SPEAKER

Officer Woods has been with the HPD force for twenty-four years. His unit follows up on complaints in neighborhoods through District J. Waste management cleanup is underway at Interstate 59 and the Bissonnet corridor from Chimney rock to Beltway 8.

Question and Answer:

John White – Please discuss responses to complaints. Apartments make tenants park on our streets, and we have stolen and abandoned cars. What can be done?

Answer – We are alerted once you complain to District J. Large trailers parked for more than two hours can be towed. Cars must be tagged three times staggered by three-days for each tag to be towed. They cannot be parked in front of driveways, at the end of a street near stop signs or block sidewalks.

Kim Hatton – How do we implement signage?

Answer – You must go through the city council.

Gena Sylvester – Once solution is to report that emergency vehicles cannot get into the neighborhood.

Kim Hatton – Do you have suggestions for license tag readers or other ideas?

Answer – District J has a reader program

Reese Ermis – The Southwest Office has twenty readers. Officers do not respond to 311. You must report a grievance to District J. The City of Houston now has a “No Encampment” ordinance.

John White – The visual of multiple patrol cars helps.

Bert – What about gunshots?

Answer – Call the non-emergency line. We get a time stamp for each call

Bert – What about vacant homes with squatters?

Answer – Reach out to the homeowner. We must have permission from them to access the home and to prove that no one should be in the home.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 3:30. DRT for District J is off on weekends. The phone number is 832-394-2660.

District Statistics:

Murders/Aggravated Assault – 2 murders in 2022 with is no change from 2021. Assaults are down .8 percent. Violent crime is down 7.9 percent overall.

Robberies have gone down 4 percent.

Property crimes are up 5.1 percent, mostly in apartments when residents are at work.

Business Burglary is up 2 percent from last year.

Vehicle Burglary – Catalytic converter theft is continuing but bigger trucks are more susceptible. Etching and painting the converters is suggested. Alief has a teen program to paint for free. Tracy Hicks has a YouTube video for tips, and he will do a personal presentation. www.tracy.hicks@houstonpolice.org.

Bank Juggings are increasing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reese Ermis – 311 calls are not being enforced.

Andrew Mikkelson – A survey is being conducted at the detention pond to determine where ownership of the city stops, and county starts.

Bert Ruiz – All of our neighborhoods are now under District J and Edward Pollard will be speaker for the January meeting. We will be asking the County Commissioner to speak in March

Steve Polnaszek asked if there have been any bicycle accidents in our neighborhoods and announced that there are 2 four-year programs through 2025-2026 to add sidewalks. TXDOT has monies for more crosswalks.

Kim Hatton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Mikkelson seconded the motion.