Braeburn Super Neighborhood

Community Center General Meeting

Bayland Park 6400 Bissonnet Street Houston, Texas 77074

Minutes

ATTENDEES

Reese Ermis, Vice President; Gena Sylvester, Secretary; Jeanie Spriggs, Treasurer; Doug Phillips, Braeburn Terrace Section 1; Veronica Hernandez, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods; Don Hickle, Brays Bayou Association; Sylvester Reeder III, Houston One Voice; Stephen Polnaszek, Neighborhood to Trails Southwest; Kim Hatton, Bonham Acres; Brian Barragy, Robindell Civic Club; Shohn Davison, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods; Arturo Bazan, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods; Andrew Mikkelsen, Braes Timbers; Sergeant C B Nickerson, City of Houston Police Department DRT; Alice Lee, Southwest Management District. (See **Attachment #1: Sign-In Sheet.**)

CALL TO ORDER 18:35

Gena Sylvester, Secretary, called the General Meeting of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood #30 to order at 18:35 on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 in the absence of the President who had a last minute scheduling conflict.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 18:36

Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of the minutes of the General Meeting of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood held on March 10, 2022 – Submitted in advance of meeting by Bert Ruiz, President. **Motion to approve minutes** by Jeanie Spriggs. **Passed** unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST FROM HOUSTON ONE VOICE 18:46

Gena Sylvester, Secretary recognized Sylvester Reeder III, Houston One Voice. Reeder is attempting to develop a closed landfill property called Ruffino Hills and seeking community input. Most feedback already received is for a storm water detention basin of about 144 acres, or 2600 acre feet of potential

storm water detention. An obstacle is financing, but there are opportunities for competitive federal grants for partial funding. Reeder is asking Super Neighborhoods to consider resolutions in approving such a project in the hopes it assists in obtaining competitive grants. Reeder states resolutions have been passed by Southwest Management District, Braeburn Valley, Braeburn Valley West, Glenshire, and other organizations by motion and letter. Reeder opened the floor for questions.

Question by Brian Barragy, Robindell Civic Club, on private owners and EPA violations. Reeder does not know of EPA violations, and states owners are the City of Bellaire and the City of West University Place. Barragy asks about capacity based on inches of rain. Reeder states unable to answer the question. Question by Sylvester about the location. Reeder states 7 acres of detention was done near Clay Road and was commercial acreage resulting in taking away taxable properties, and Ruffino Hills is not already on the tax rolls already. Reeder states the landfill material would be transported to another landfill, leading to higher costs for development. Barragy asks on profitability of storm water detention versus pad sites of commercial development. Reeder states other funding options include tax paid bonds. Discussion tabled for later in the meeting in the hopes a quorum is met by other attendee who is en route.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST FROM CITY OF HOUSTON DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS 19:07

Gena Sylvester, Secretary recognized Veronica Hernandez, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods and her team of Shohn Davison, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods and Arturo Bazan, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods. Davison states common violations are rubbish, nuisances, junk vehicles, and various other issues typically causing health or pest concerns. Issues are addressed via the City of Houston Municipal Court, and secondarily as placing liens for abatement. Issues should be reported via 311, houstontx.gov/IPS. Projects also include public service flood assessments and disaster preparedness. Other enforced violations are bandit signs, early placement of trash, and visible bins. Automatic citations are issued in some cases with care for delayed pick ups by Public Works. Davison opened the floor for questions.

Kim Hatton, Bonham Acres, asks about a time frame for enforcement of a property owner adding debris to a vacant house with rodent concerns. Follow up question on difficulty of following the 311 system. Davison responds with the option of calling it in to 311. Reese Ermis, Vice President, asks about enforcement of auto repair facilities storing vehicles on public streets. Sergeant C B Nickerson, City of Houston Police Department DRT responds to call the non-emergency number and report as illegal parking, or to contact a DRT officer for more constant violations. Question by Mikkelsen on auto repair facilities parking on public roadways, grass, and sidewalks, and causing vehicle fluid dumping on properties. Answered by Bazan as an auto dealer enforcement for the City of Houston focusing on the building and permit violations, while Code Enforcement handles exterior issues. Question by Sylvester on violation amounts and the ordinance pertaining to chickens, peacocks, and other animals. Answered by Davison to report as feces complaint via 311 for Department of Neighborhoods enforcement.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST FROM HOUSTON POLICE DRT 19:52

Gena Sylvester, Secretary, introduced Sergeant C B Nickerson, City of Houston Police Department DRT who is new.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 19:55

Community Safety and Quality of Life Committee. Reese Ermis, Vice President states crime is up on almost all categories and more 311 requests are being submitted for violations of the Code of Ordinances at various commercial properties. (See **Attachment #2: Crime Report**.)

Stakeholder/Delegate Recruitment and Business Development. Brian Barragy states no report. Communications. No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 20:00

Deterring catalytic converter thefts by etching VINs. Sergeant C B Nickerson, City of Houston Police Department DRT states the District Attorney declines to prosecute sometimes if a victim is not known. Discussion of a potential city ordinance prohibiting sawed off catalytic converters.

REVISITING TABLED DISCUSSION FROM: RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST FROM HOUSTON ONE VOICE 20:03

Brian Barragy, Robindell Civic Club asks on options for Ruffino Hills development listed, including a town square and flood-able park. Sylvester Reeder III, Houston One Voice answers for the landfill to be completed excavated and using as much land as possible for flood detention. Stephen Polnaszek, Neighborhood to Trails Southwest speaks on why they are supporting the storm water detention development. Reeder states part of a neighboring site will be for commercial development. Andrew Mikkelsen, Braes Timbers mentioned anther site with substantial delays discussed by the Brays Oaks Management District for storm water detention of a former apartment complex at Fondren and North Braeswood. Question by Gena Sylvester, Secretary over commercial development versus flood detention basin development.

Motion for resolution by Reese Ermis, Vice President. Whereas: the Brays Bayou watershed is subject to numerous flooding and overflowing of its bank, previous damage has resulted in several million dollars of commercial, residential, and medical structures, and there are very limited open properties available for storm water detention development, be is resolved Braeburn Super Neighborhood 30 passes a resolution in support of Houston One Voice developing a storm water detention basin at the Ruffino Hills landfill located on Ruffino Road, Houston, Texas, 77031 via the seeking of grant funds. Kim Hatton, Bonham Acres seconds the motion. Discussion on amendments. Barragy and Polnaszek discuss need for maximizing acreage for storm water detention. Amendment to the motion for resolution by Ermis. Whereas: the Brays Bayou watershed is subject to numerous flooding and overflowing of its bank, previous damage has resulted in several million dollars of commercial, residential, and medical structures, and there are very limited open properties available for storm water detention development, be is resolved Braeburn Super Neighborhood 30 passes a resolution in support of Houston One Voice developing a storm water detention basin as the primary use, and to maximize acreage as such, at the Ruffino Hills landfill located on Ruffino Road, Houston, Texas, 77031 via the seeking of grant funds. Discussion by Sylvester on desire to seek further input by more possibly affected parties or groups before voting on the resolution. Motion is withdrawn by Ermis.

Gena Sylvester, Secretary announced the General Session of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood #30 was adjourned on Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

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ATTACHMENT #2: CRIME REPORT

BRAEBURN SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD PART 1 VIOLENT & NON-VIOLENT CRIME

PART 1 VIOLENT CRIME STATISTICS

YTD	2021	2022	CHANGE	PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON	APR-21	APR-22	CHANGE	MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON	MAR-22	APR-22	CHANGE
Murder	1	2	100.0%	Murder	0	2	100.0%	Murder	0	2	100.0%
Sexual Assault (RAPE)	6	4	-33.3%	Sexual Assault (RAPE)	0	0	0.0%	Sexual Assault (RAPE)	1	0	-100.0%
Robbery	45	54	20.0%	Robbery	8	9	12.5%	Robbery	11	9	-18.2
Aggravated Assault	72	75	4.2%	Aggravated Assault	18	18	0.0%	Aggravated Assault	25	18	-28.0%
Total	124	135	8.9%	Total	26	29	11.5%	Total	37	29	-21.6%

PART 1 NON-VIOLENT CRIME STATISTICS

YTD	2021	2022	CHANGE	PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON	APR-21	APR-22	CHANGE	MONTH TO MONTH COMPARISON	MAR-22	APR-22	CHANGE
Burglary Habitation	50	46	-8.0%	Burglary Habitation	13	13	0.0%	Burglary Habitation	12	13	8.3%
Burglary Building	32	12	-62.5%	Burglary Building	2	3	50.0%	Burglary Building	1	3	200.0%
Burglary Motor Vehicle (BMV)	151	176	16.6%	Burglary Motor Vehicle (BMV)	29	49	69.0%	Burglary Motor Vehicle (BMV)	39	49	25.6%
Theft (Except BMV and Auto)	166	159	-4.2%	Theft (Except BMV and Auto)	48	44	-8.3%	Theft (Except BMV and Auto)	40	44	10.0%
Auto Theft	59	55	-6.8%	Auto Theft	11	14	27.3%	Auto Theft	12	14	16.7%
Total	458	448	-2.2%	Total	103	123	19.4%	Total	104	123	18.3%

Prepared By: Officer S. Smith South Gessner Crime Analysi