

BRAEBURN SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD #30

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Bert Ruiz, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Bayland Community Center.

ATTENDANCE: Bert Ruiz, President; Brian Barragy, Vice-President; Gena Sylvester, Recording Secretary; Jeanie Spriggs, Andrew Willrich, Braeburn Acres; Manuel Barrera, Braeburn Glen; Doug Phillips, Braeburn Terrace II; Andrew Mikkelsen, Braes Timbers; Brian Pendleton, Precinct 4; Skip Reeder, Houston One Voice; Sherri Cortez, Brays Oaks Management District; Stephen Polnazek, Neighborhood to Trails Southwest; Chelsea John, Houston Independent School District; Edward Pollard, City Councilman for District J.

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Brian Barragy motioned to table the approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Andrew Willrich seconded the motion.

REVISION OF AGENDA ORDER: The motion was made by Andrew Willrich and seconded by Bert Ruiz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brian Pendleton shared plans regarding the Hispanic Heritage Festival and took note of issues concerning the maintenance of County-owned properties.

Chelsea John:

- Announced the Houston Promise Program.
- She took note of the continuing traffic issues around Sharpstown High School.
- The HISD Community Partnership Program is looking for volunteers to assist in improving sixty-six (66) C-rated campuses.

Edward Pollard:

- The Braeburn Glen Flood Mitigation Project will begin in the summer of 2026.
- Solar lights will be installed at the Sharpstown Detention Pond path leading to Brays Bayou. The electrical conduit will be investigated.
- Bert Ruiz was asked to provide more information regarding the remaining driveway at One Hideaway Circle.

- The lack of City-wide trash pickup was discussed at length. Brian Barragy specifically mentioned Bonham Acres which will be investigated. District J is providing additional interim pickups where and when necessary.
- A discussion regarding gunfire and the increase in crime led to the idea of creating a database for tracking criminal cases, initiating a “hotspot” strategy and adding gang initiative tactics. Councilman Pollard pointed to changes in leadership and the lack of joint cooperation from City leaders as underlying issues.

Sherri Cortez:

- The effectiveness of the Department of Neighborhoods would be improved through the coordination with the Houston Police Department.
- Class C Misdemeanor citations should be reinstated to assist the District Attorney’s Office.
- She announced initiatives to address domestic violence including strangulation training on September 27, gun safe distribution and a new program to provide guns to those individuals with protective orders.

BYLAWS REVIEW: The Bylaws review was tabled, and a special session will be held on Thursday, October 23. The motion was made by Andrew Willrich and Andrew Mikkelsen seconded the motion.

FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE: The dates for future area-wide meetings and recent presentations will be shared with members. Concerns include the additional flood waters being diverted to Brays Bayou from Interstate 45 via 288, the Fondren Middle School Diversion Chanel and the pipe being removed. There is a need for an update on the Spellman Detention Pond.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Bert Ruiz.