

Braeburn Super Neighborhood #30 Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

Guest: Xavier Herrera, Executive Director, Brays Oaks Management District and Cosme Garcia, Director of Services

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeannie Spriggs, Sayed Abdul Khaliq Mosawa (virtual), Sharon Fletcher (virtual), Bert Ruiz, Reese Ermis, Brian Barragy, Darren Spriggs, Doug Phillips, Sheri Cortez (virtual), Andrew Mikkelson, Alyssa Keller (virtual), Kim Hatton, Don Hickie

Minutes approved – Doug Phillips, Second by Reese Ermis

DISTRICT C REPORT

Sharon Fletcher and Sayed Abdul Khaliq Mosawa

The Commitment to 25 offices for domestic abuse, Public Safety and Homeland Security was announced and will be held on March 31.

DISTRICT J – Absent

AT LARGE - Absent

GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Xavier Herrera and Cosme Garcia – Guest Speakers

Brays Oaks Management District’s Vision – Whatever the Board and the District want is what we try to provide, working with the different entities to partner.

What are the challenges? Financing and funding. Crime is a lot more rampant in other areas of the city. The overtime program is helping.

Cosme – Please join the Public Safety Committee Meetings.

Engagement and Support of Businesses? – The issue is how to support the businesses next to neighborhoods.

Kim Hatton – Are taxes mandatory? Cosmo – You have to pay assessments and county taxes. Collection rate is over 96%. Monies are used to put programs and services back into the community.

Brian Barragy – Businesses around I59, including car dealerships, are exempt and so is the TV station.

Bert Ruiz – Why are they exempt? Attorneys have assisted in the initial process.

Brian Barragy – Some have a community development presence to enhance growth in their areas.

Reese Ermis– Who does the HPD Overtime Program go to?

Xavier – It is area-specific making sure that calls for service are responded to. Board of Directors address a certain need in a particular district.

Jeannie Spriggs – Is getting more officers part of the plan?

Xavier – I cannot speak for the City of Houston.

Andrew Mikkelson – The bridge North Braeswood was not raised...why?

Xavier – That question goes to the Flood District. Please email me.

Andrew Mikkelson– The lighting on the same bridge has never been completed.

Kim Hatton – The sidewalk goes halfway under Fondren Bridge – will it be completed?

Andrew Mikkelson - Those were built to get vehicles down to the bayou.

Sherri Cortez– Within the Overtime Program, they do not run 911 calls. For example: DRT investigates gang activity. They are not allowed to work over 10 hours. Email Xavier for questions regarding HPD, Public Works, etc.

Bert Ruiz– What is the process to become a board member?

Sherri Cortez– It is a four-year term and they are appointed by the mayor. There are ten members – eight business members and 2 residential members (stakeholder). Send your resume to Xavier if there is an interest in a position. It goes to City Council first.

Brian Barragy – Robindell lies in District J and District C? More than likely you'd be working with Pollard or Tatum in District K.

Sherri Cortez– It depends on the majority in each district. The management district is committee driven.

Doug Phillips – I didn't get an invitation this month for the Public Safety invitation.

Xavier – Please interact with Cosme.

Bert Ruiz – What is the relationship with apartment complexes and owners and holding them accountable for the crime in this area?

Xavier – Get involved with PIP. We need more information. The management district does have a relationship with the owners.

Bert Ruiz – We need to address the owners.

Xavier – Nuisances are reported to the county attorney's office, which is then moved up to the courts, for example.

Brian Barragy – There are three apartment complexes that Bert is referencing. Starla Turnbow is Public Safety Chair and we'd like to have a conversation with owner, Mr. Moore and Ms. Turnbow to get these complexes cleaned up. Trash, parking, life safety issues, crime are just a few of the issues.

Xavier – The first gateway is always the city, such as Veronica Hernandez and Council Member’s offices. We are willing to partner with Southwest Mgmt Dist.

Cosme Garcia – cgarcia@braesoaksmd.org. Please send an email letting him know where graffiti is.

Andrew Mikkelson– At Hillcroft and Braes Bayou the graffiti is below ground level.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Reese Ermis reported about the Bissonnet corridor which has tires and barbed wire. District J will work on this. The number 1 goal is compliance.

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Andrew Mikkelson had nothing to report.

STAKEHOLDER AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Brian Barragy combined both committee reports. Gena Sylvester and I met with Xavier and discussed concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS

Alyssa Keller suggested we continue to meet in person and reminded everyone to RSVP and promote the residents.

NEW BUSINESS –

Gena Sylvester would like to know the City of Houston’s stance on apartment resident parking on city streets.

Bert Ruiz mentioned that the Bissonnet corridor has had shootings recently. He is concerned about the traffic through neighborhoods.

Don Hickle announced that the Houston Parks Board is tearing down and renovating the “Fondren Diversion”.

Brian Barragy asked how the flood waters are being handled?

Motion to Adjourn – Reese Ermis.

Second provided by Don Hickle