

Braeburn Super Neighborhood #30 Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2025

Attendance

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

- Bert Ruiz, President
- Brian Barragy, Vice-President
- Gena Sylvester, Recording Secretary
- Jeanie Spriggs, Communications Secretary
- Andrew Willrich, Brae Burn Acres
- Andrew Mikkelson, Braes Timbers
- Doug Philips, Braeburn Terrace
- Skip Reader, Houston One Voice
- Stephen Polnaszek, Neighborhood to Trails Southwest
- Stephanie Haechten, Precinct 4
- Sheri Cortez, Braes Oaks Management District
- Veronica Hernandez, Department of Neighborhoods
- Michael Berlinghof, Robindell Pool and Greenspace

Call to Order

Bert Ruiz officially called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Bert Ruiz made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Andrew Mikkelson seconded the motion.

Election of Officers

Andrew Mikkelson self-nominated for the position of Vice-President for 2026. Bert Ruiz moved that Andrew Mikkelson be elected Vice-President by acclamation, with the motion

seconded by Jeanie Spriggs. The selection and approval of the remaining Board members will be discussed at the first meeting of 2026.

Meetings for 2026 will include both in-person and virtual formats.

Old Business

2025 Project End of Year Review

Safety

- Safe Streets Initiative: The redesign of the Bissonnet corridor has been paused.
- Sharpstown High School Truancy: Truancy incidents have decreased, but traffic issues persist. Sheri Cortez noted that DRT officers receive overtime pay for hotspot areas, including Stein Park, as mentioned by Brian Barragy.
- Criminal Activity: Tagging incidents have slowed, while sporadic gunfire continues.
- FLOCK Cameras: Installation of FLOCK cameras is scheduled.
- Solar Lights: Solar lights have been installed on the Braes Bayou path from Reamer.

Services

- Super Neighborhood Alliance: The Alliance is attempting to meet with Department Heads but has not been successful so far.
- District J Patrol: While DRT officers remain available, the DJP program has ceased operations.
- Precinct 4: Stephanie Haechten reported on several items:
 - The Winter Fest is scheduled for December 13 at Bayland.
 - The Safe Street Agreement remains active.
 - Bus shelters are being improved.
 - She will provide FLOCK camera criteria to Bert Ruiz.
 - The Braes Oaks Management District will share the annual cost of the cameras with local neighborhoods.
- Department of Neighborhoods: Veronica Hernandez responded to questions about specific addresses and announced that Public Works is now in charge of inspections, including:
 - The Sweep for 9707 South Gessner
 - Junk vehicles at Jason and Lugary
 - Wiring and plumbing violations at 8320 and 8327 McAvoy.

Lack of maintenance on City-owned property at 8903 Cadawac

Debris at 8903 Braes Bayou Road

Encampment at 9100 Fondren

- [Braes Oaks Management District](#)

Sheri Cortez reported that the district receives monthly updates on illegal dumping prosecutions. Offenders are fined \$500 and must participate in cleanup efforts known as “Clean and Green.” In November, seventy hours of additional community service were completed.

- [Neighborhood to Trails Southwest](#)

Stephen Polnaszek announced the ribbon cutting for the Brays Bayou Trail at Hillcroft.

Bylaws

There are several sections of the bylaws that remain to be reviewed. A Special Session may be called in December.

Adjournment

Bert Ruiz motioned to adjourn. Andrew Mikkelsen seconded.