

# Braeburn Super Neighborhood

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Community Center

General Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 18:30

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Bayland Park  
6400 Bissonnet Street  
Houston, Texas 77074  
and virtual via Zoom

## Minutes

### ATTENDEES

Gena Sylvester, President; Jeanie Spriggs, Vice President; Reese Ermis, Recording Secretary and Committee Chairperson; Bert Ruiz, Communications Secretary and Committee Chairperson; Brian Barragy, Committee Chairperson; Andrew Mikkelsen, Committee Chairperson; Doug Phillips, Braeburn Terrace Section 1 Delegate; Stephen Polnaszek, Neighborhoods to Trails SW; Don Hickie, Brays Bayou Association; Aimee Turney, Texas Congressional District 137 Staff; Carolyn Riley, Texas Congressional District 137 Staff; Veronica Hernandez, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaison; Lynn Henson, City of Houston Division Manager of Community and Regional Planning (See **Attachment #1: Sign-In Sheet.**)

### I. WELCOME

A. Call to Order

A. Gena Sylvester, President, called the General Meeting of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30 to order at 18:38 on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

B. Announcement of a Quorum

B. As a simple majority of the duly designated Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council members (6) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting, this meeting is with a quorum.

C. Attendees introduce themselves.

## II. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Lynn Henson, City of Houston Division Manager of Community and Regional Planning, introduces the Neighborhood Resilience Planning program (see Attachment #2: Neighborhood Resilience Planning Handout.) Henson notes this program is covered by the City of Houston recovery funds and is developed by community input recommendations. Henson notes other neighborhoods have added mini murals on electric equipment, added amphitheaters, and equestrian trails. Henson notes there are no guidelines on formulating project ideas and this is left to the input process. The neighborhood support team, NST, meets with City of Houston planners prior to public meetings. The first three plans from other communities are just entering the approval process. Henson recommends including all viable project ideas; park expansion, economic development, and other strategies to make the community stronger are considered. Everyone who wants to participate in the public meeting may participate. Discussion of the broad function of tax increment reinvestment zones.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of and possible action on the adoption of the minutes of the General Meeting of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30 previously held on March 9, 2023.

MOTION: to approve minutes as presented.

MOVER: Brian Barragy, Committee Chairperson

SECONDER: Jeanie Spriggs, Vice President

RESULT: Adopted without objection

## IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Safety and Quality of Life Committee.

Reese Ermis, Chairperson, discusses the previous meeting regarding the METRORapid Gulfton Corridor Project and the option for a preferred alternative route. (See **Attachment #2: Preferred Alternative Route Motion**)

MOTION: Authorization for the board to write a letter to METRO Board of Directors supporting a preferred alternative route for the METRORapid Gulfton Corridor to end at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital / Houston Christian University by running the line in the Hillcroft Ave median south of Bellaire Blvd, turning southwest on Bissonnet St past Fonteno Senior Center and Bayland Park, then west on Beechnut St to Brae Acres Rd.

MOVER: Reese Ermis, Committee Chairperson

SECONDER: Andrew Mikkelsen, Committee Chairperson

RESULT: Passes without objection

B. Stakeholder/Delegate Recruitment Committee. Brian Barragy, Chairperson, states no report. Gena Sylvester, President, states Aldi and an apartment on Fondren may have representation at future meetings.

C. Residential Community Projects and Infrastructure. Andrew Mikkelsen, Committee Chairperson states the detention pond at the end of Bob White is retaining water due to debris obstructing the outflow pipe.

**V. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

A. Veronica Hernandez, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods Community Liaison, states a neighborhood sweep in Larkwood is being addressed and is open to a ride around to identify issues. Bert Ruiz, Communications Secretary, mentions ongoing issues with a single-family home on Brays Bayou Drive. Brian Barragy, Committee Chairperson, mentions further recurring issues with two single-family homes and a trailer near Wanda Lane. The City of Houston will investigate the specific properties and provide an update.

B. Aimee Turney, Texas Congressional District 137 Staff, states the Texas congressional session is ending soon.

C. Bert Ruiz, Communications Secretary gives an update on District J Patrol expansion, new members, and off-road patrol. The website and Facebook page is mentioned for communications.

D. Gena Sylvester, President states the next meeting's speaker is City of Houston Councilmember Sallie Alcorn.

**VI. ADJOURN**

Gena Sylvester, President, announced the General Session of the Braeburn Super Neighborhood Council #30 was adjourned without objection on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 19:49.

## Attachment #1: Sign-In Sheet

## BRAEBURN SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD #30

May 11, 2023

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5. Andrew Mikkelsen	BRAEBURN TOWNS		
6. Emma Burroughs	Rehobell/Baden	Burroughs@gmail.com	713-603-3972
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## Attachment #2: Neighborhood Resilience Planning Handout

## Neighborhood Resilience Planning FAQs



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### What is Neighborhood Resilience Planning?

Resilience community planning seeks to build the capacity of a community to prepare for, withstand, and recover from shocks and stresses. The goal of Houston's Neighborhood Resilience Planning (NRP) is to create a community that can adapt and thrive in the face of a range of potential challenges, such as natural disasters, economic challenges, or to improve social empowerment strategies. This initiative will provide local, place-based strategies that are tailored to the unique needs and circumstances of the community. It will be developed through a collaborative effort between community members, local organizations, and government agencies.

### What are the Neighborhood Resilience areas?

The City has completed three Neighborhood Resilience Plans and selected three additional Super Neighborhoods to work with next.

#### Existing Neighborhood Resilience Plans

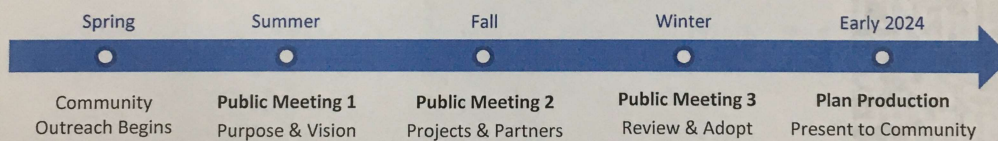
- East Houston
- Edgebrook
- Independence Heights

#### Round 2 Communities

- Braeburn
- Greater Inwood
- Greater Fifth Ward

### Project Timeline

The City will conduct a nine-month community engagement process to help local residents and businesses identify improvements to strengthen communities.



### How do I get more information?

Each community has a team of dedicated City employees that will work with each neighborhood in the Neighborhood Resilience Planning process. Team contacts by community are listed below. Visit online and sign up to receive monthly newsletters.

**For More Information**  
Newsletter Sign-Up

832.393.6600  
<http://houstontx.gov/planning/nrp>

**Area**  
Braeburn  
Greater Fifth Ward  
Greater Inwood

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## Neighborhood Resilience Plan

### Braeburn Neighborhood Survey



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### **Give Us Your Feedback!**

#### **Neighborhood Map Survey**



The Braeburn Map Survey is a great way to share your thoughts and ideas about your community. Please, indicate where you live, places you love, and areas that need improvement.

#### **Neighborhood Community Survey**



We would love to learn more about the Braeburn community! This survey will provide valuable information about community challenges and identify areas in need of improvements. As well as identify community leaders and share the history and culture of the community.



Attachment #3: Preferred Alternative Route Motion

