

Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

1). Introductions – Meeting was called to order by President Greg LeGrande at 7:02 pm followed by introductions

2). Miscellaneous

- Lower Westheimer Road Advisory Committee – Greg LeGrande, Public Meeting June 6th, Web Site:
<http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/transportation/CMP/LowerWestheimer/>
 - Lower Westheimer improvements – Greg gave an outline
 - There will be a meeting to get citizens' input on June 6 at 6:00 at St. Stephen's
 - We discussed current problems –Pot holes, too narrow, traffic volume, building lines, bikes, pedestrians, safety
 - Study area goes from Shepherd to Bagby, from Hawthorne to Fairview
 - Discussion – 1-way streets, buses, rail, more

- Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) Meeting – Kay Warhol
 - At the May Alliance meeting, the group voted that a letter from the SNA president to the members of the Houston congressional delegation requesting their support for House Bill 5025, the Tax Day Flood Supplemental Funding Act, which has been co-sponsored by Congressmen Al Green and Gene Green. If enacted, HB 5025 would appropriate dollars for US Army Corps of Engineers flood control projects, such as Project Brays, that have been planned but not completed.
 - Also at the May meeting, Sherry Weesner made a presentation on behalf of Scenic Houston. The organization is updating its Streetscape Resource Guide and are seeking community input, asking those interested to complete a short survey at Scenichouston.org. Sherry also suggested that anyone with photos of streetscapes, including sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops, etc. that they think are good models to follow, or examples of what not to do, can email them directly to her at sherry@scenichouston.org. Input is requested by mid June.

- Neartown Communication – Neartown Communications – Greg presented information on Civic Club Best Practices – 18 neighborhoods - Steve Longmire spoke about aspects in form he sent for civic club presidents input. We will talk about segments of this project at future meetings in 15 minute increments with Membership being first at our June meeting.

3). Other –

- Caroline mentioned a Request for Variance on the site of the old Legacy Clinic at 215 Westheimer to allow a zero foot setback along Westheimer rather than 25' as currently required.
- The Variance Request will be sent around to Neartown meeting attendees prior to the Planning Commission Meeting on May 26 ty 2:30. Web Link <https://www.dropbox.com/s/vzgku3mzhocnrx/Legacy%20Planning%20Commision%205%2026%202016%20pages%2021%20thru%2028.pdf?dl=0>
- Friends of Mandel Park are selling pavers embellished with the name of your loved one for \$100 to be installed in July

Adjourned by Greg at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Young

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