

Neartown Association
March 25, 2014
Minutes

Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Greg defined the 2014 leadership of Neartown as being one highly shared with the Vice President Kay Warhol.

Kay Warhol reviewed the issues discussed at the February Presidents' Council meeting. In light of these issues, Greg proposed that Neartown add two new committees to the three standing committees laid out in the bylaws. The standing committees are Communications, Membership, and Historic. The proposed committees are Infrastructure and Security.

Sylvia Drew moved that an Infrastructure Committee and a Security Committee be created. Discussion followed.

- During the discussion, it was suggested out that an Infrastructure Committee should deal with issues that are of concern to the whole Super Neighborhood, rather than attempting to address issues that primarily concern individual civic associations. There was general agreement on this point. It was also recognized that traffic and transportation could be dealt with as infrastructure concerns, but at some point may warrant a separate committee.

Lloyd Matzner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried.

Toya Ramirez, of the Commercial Permitting & Enforcement Section of the City of Houston Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department, presented information on the City's regulation of credit access businesses (aka payday lenders and motor vehicle title lenders). Details on the registration requirements and process are available at www.houstontx.gov/ara. Groups interested in having Ms. Ramirez present on this topic may contact her at 832.394.8803.

CoH liaison, Jack Valinski reported that "bandit" sign enforcement now falls under the Department of Neighborhoods. To have offending signs removed, contact Jack Valinski at 713. 803.1062 or call 311. The enforcement team will collect the signs, record the location, and follow-up with the offenders. Also, Parks & Recreation is accepting applications for lifeguards for City pools through April 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.