

Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

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

1. Introductions— 26 people were in attendance. Representatives from the offices of State Representative Sarah Davis, US Representative Dan Crenshaw, and Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis were present.

2. Sasha-Joi Marshall Smith, Planner IV and lead coordinator for the City of Houston for The 2020 Census <https://www.harrishoustoncounts.com/>

Sasha gave a presentation on Houston's initiative for the upcoming 2020 census.

- Census results influence monies toward Schools, Road improvements, Medical Care, and Disaster Recovery housing, and is used to determine representation
- 1% undercount translates into \$250,000,000 loss of money for COH
- Census forms – only 9 questions - can be completed online or on the phone beginning March 12. Info provided should be as of April 1, 2020 – Census Day.

More information on the City and County initiative, as well as fliers and other materials, can be accessed at the link above.

3. Other—

- SNA Meeting February 10, 2020 – Kay Warhol gave a report on the Super Neighborhood Alliance meeting featuring Steven Klineberg's report on the annual Kinder Houston Area Survey.
- 527 Brazos Bridge Rebuild <https://communityimpact.com/houston/heights-river-oaks-montrose/transportation/2020/02/20/with-brazos-street-bridge-gone-officials-consider-a-different-approach/>
Greg and Steve Longmire provided background on the Houston Public Works proposal to permanently close the Brazos street bridge and Bagby entry to Spur 527 and shared a presentation on the 3 alternatives offered by Public Works. Discussion ensued.
- Member Association 2020 Dues – Reminder that these are now due

- District C – Abbie Kamin Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Meeting 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 11, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray St – SUBSEQUENTLY CANCELLED due to City’s response to COVID-19
- Walkable Places – Greg provided update and background information on previous walkable places meetings.
- Nearthown Board - Secretary position open.
- HPD Central Division One and Two Commander Mark Lentini introduced himself and Night Shift Commander Yadira Estrada and gave general comments concerning Montrose.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Thanks to Sylvia Drew for taking meeting notes in the absence of a Nearthown secretary.



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