Officers

- **Chair**: Jane Cahill West
  Washington Avenue Coalition (SN 22)

- **Vice-Chair**: Reverend Ray Washington
  Central Southwest (SN 40)

- **Secretary**: Steve Ashy
  Eldridge/West Oaks (SN 17)
Committees and Committee Chairs

- **Liveability (Quality of Life)**
  - Parks and Transportation: Steve Ashy, Eldridge/West Oaks (SN 17)
  - Housing the Homeless: Doug Parrish and Johnny Lozano, Eldridge/West Oaks (SN 17)

- **Infrastructure (Flooding, Drainage, Street Construction)**
  - Michael Huffmaster, Briar Forest (SN 18)

- **Growth and Economic Development**
  - Ivory Mayhorn, E. Little York/Homestead (SN 47)

- **Health and Public Safety**
  - Tomaro Bell, McGregor (SN 83)

- **Transitions (Regulatory Affairs)**
  - Jane Cahill West, Washington Ave. Coalition (SN 22)
Origin of Super Neighborhoods Codified in Chapter 33, Article VIII
Map of Super Neighborhoods
Why Are Super Neighborhoods Needed?

**Challenge:** Residents typically focus on issues impacting narrowly defined neighborhoods; not the city at large.

**Response:** Super Neighborhoods

- Encourage residents of neighboring communities to identify, prioritize, and address issues together.
- Create a manageable, efficient, and economical framework for community engagement & action.
What is a Super Neighborhood Council?
Priority Issues

- Mobility
  - Safe Streets
  - Sidewalks
  - Parking
- Flooding and drainage
- Infrastructure
- Crime
- Homelessness
- Beautification
- Historic Preservation

- Quiet Zone
- Nuisance Abatement
  - Illegal dumping
  - Abandoned buildings
  - Stray animals
  - Odors
  - Noise
  - Broken curbs, leaning sign posts and utility poles
Are there Guidelines for Forming a SNC?

PROCESS FLOW CHART

1. Identify and elicit participation from stakeholders.

2. Agree on organizational framework for the council.

3. Formulate and adopt by-laws.


The Super Neighborhood Council submits the SNAP to City Council for endorsement of the SNAP and official recognition of the Super Neighborhood Council.
Seven SNCs submitted SNAP statements:

- Spring Branch West (SN 10)
- Briar Forest (SN 18)
- Washington Ave. Coalition/Memorial Park (SN 22)
- Neartown/Montrose (SN 24)
- Braeswood (SN 32)
- Northside Village (SN 51)
- Museum Park (SN 66)
What Is the Super Neighborhood Alliance?

City Code Sec. 33-322:

The alliance is an advisory board to the mayor and city government on community matters and its purpose is to provide a mechanism for bringing together the voices of the individual super neighborhood councils.
Livability (Quality of Life)

- **Transportation:**
  - Joined Houston Coalition for Complete Streets *(April 2015)*
  - Steve Parker, Greater Eastwood/Lawndale (SN 64 and SN 88) served on Houston Bike Plan Advisory Committee *(throughout 2015)*
  - Joined Mobility Houston as a Community Partner *(January 2016)*
  - Approved and submitted comments to Draft Houston Bike Plan *(April 2016)*
Livability (Quality of Life)

- **Parks**
  - Meet leaders of active Super Neighborhood Councils
  - Tour their communities
  - Identify areas where park access is most needed
  - Strategize to increase and improve park access

- **Housing the Homeless**
  - SN 17 leaders are preparing to share their experience
  - Working with HPD Captain Bainbridge
  - Distinguishing homeless individuals from criminals
Infrastructure (flooding, drainage, street building)

- Approved call to revise Chapters 9 and 13 of the Infrastructure Design Manual and Chapter 19 of the City Code to *inter alia*:
  - End “grandfathering” for extant impervious cover
  - Address needs for regional detention
  - Amend criteria for use of structural fill
  - Designate certain areas as Flood Hazard Zones
  - Coordinate flood management efforts
Growth and Economic Development

- Served on Planning Commission Subcommittee that recommended amendments to Chapters 10, 33, and 42 (Feb.-June 2015).

- Worked to support and facilitate joint planning efforts and face-to-face dialogue for various Super Neighborhood Councils and developers aimed at achieving consensus for growth and economic development.
Recommended Approval of Idling Ordinance  
(*September 2015*)

Recommended Approval of Distracted Driving Ordinance  
(*February 2016*)

Closely follows and facilitates community awareness and discussion of issues:
  - One-bin-for-all
  - Transition to LED street lights
  - Efforts to prevent spread of Zika and other mosquito-born tropical disease
Transitions or Regulatory Affairs

- Attended Neighborhoods USA Conference
- Co-hosted mayoral candidate forum and held candidate forum for City Controller candidates
- Served on steering committees for Arts + Cultural Plan and Plan Houston
- Recommended Approval of Plan Houston
- Approved Five Recommendations for inclusion in the Annual Report
Recommendation #1
Update City’s Super Neighborhood Webpage to Include Current Information @ Each Active SN

- Boundaries
- Officers
- Contact Information
- Bylaws
- Dates, Time, and Place for Regular Meetings
- Plans, Projects, and Initiatives
- Attractions
- Brief History
Recommendation #2
Add a Super Neighborhood Field to City Data Bases

- Allow city data to be searched, sorted, and analyzed for each Super Neighborhood

- Pertinent Data Sets Include:
  - Population
  - Demography
  - Economics
  - Crime
  - Platting
  - Permitting
Recommendation #3
Adopt a Five Year Plan for Forming and Recognizing a Council for Each Super Neighborhoods

- City of Houston has 88 Super Neighborhoods
- 45 Super Neighborhoods have active Councils
- Recommendation is to create approximately 9 new councils per year for 5 years
- That is less than 1 new Super Neighborhood Council per year per city council district
Recommendation #4
Adopt a Ten Year Plan to Develop a Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan for EACH Super Neighborhood

- Plan for Complete Communities by Addressing
  - Livability (Quality of Life)
  - Infrastructure
  - Growth and Economic Development
  - Health and Public Safety
  - Transportation (Mobility and Accessibility)

- Submit Each Plan to City Council for Approval and Inclusion in Plan Houston
Recommendation #5
Task at Least One City Planner (Ideally One per Quadrant) to Work with Super Neighborhoods

- Active SNCs with SNAPs Create Value
  - Identify needed improvements
  - Educate, inform, and provide institutional memory
  - Articulate shared visions for future development
  - Prioritize public investment
  - Facilitate efficient completion of long term projects
  - Encourage consensus to ease public decision-making
  - Implement Plan Houston