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CITY RECOGNIZES BRIAR FOREST SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

HOUSTON, August 11, 2009 — Mayor White and the Houston City Council officially recognized the Briar Forest super neighborhood council at a ceremony in City Hall. This council successfully completed all the preliminary steps, which include gathering diverse stakeholder representation, creating an organizational structure and drafting by-laws.

At the recognition ceremony, the council was introduced to their City liaison. The liaison helps the council with their super neighborhood action plan, which identifies and prioritizes improvement projects. The liaison helps the council shepherd priority projects through the appropriate City processes. Briar Forest's liaison is Elaine Gaskamp in the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office.

The Briar Forest Super Neighborhood is bounded by Buffalo Bayou to the north, Gessner to the east, Westheimer to the south and Dairy Ashford to the west. The area is largely single family residential with some multi-family, patio and townhomes located along the area's major thoroughfares. Office complexes are located along the Sam Houston Parkway in the Westchase District, on Wilcrest, along Westheimer and on Dairy Ashford. "With easy access to I-10, the Beltway, Westpark Tollway, Westheimer, Westchase District and the Energy Corridor, the Briar Forest area is superbly placed to develop as one of Houston's premier 21st century neighborhoods," said Greg Daniell with the Briar Forest Council.

We believe that super neighborhoods offer communities a way to communicate more effectively with the City and for residents and stakeholders a way to communicate more effectively with each other," said Marlene L. Gafrick, director of the Planning and Development Department. "It's an exciting dynamic for these neighborhoods and a great way for neighborhoods to implement projects."

For more information about the Super Neighborhood Initiative, call the Planning and Development Department at (713) 837-7701 or go to www.houstonplanning.com.