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Westchase and Near Northwest achieve super neighborhood council status

HOUSTON, October 12, 2010 — Mayor Parker and the Houston City Council officially recognized the Westchase super neighborhood council and the Near Northwest super neighborhood council at a ceremony in City Hall. These super neighborhood councils 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 councils were introduced to their City liaison from the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office. Liaisons along with their assigned super neighborhood planners help the councils with their super neighborhood action plan, which identifies and prioritizes improvement projects. They then help shepherd priority projects through the appropriate City processes. Veronica Hernandez will serve as the liaison for Westchase and Anita Ivery will serve as the Near Northwest liaison.

Westchase is located between Westpark and Westheimer and between Gessner and W. Houston Center Boulevard on Houston's west side. Westchase is a vibrant commercial, residential and retail hub. It includes the newly developed Royal Oaks subdivision and is within part of the Westchase Management District.

The Near Northwest Super Neighborhood is located just north of Loop 610, south of Pinemont, west of Shepherd and east of U.S. 290. The area is mostly residential with a few small commercial corridors. The close-in location and strong neighborhoods with deed restrictions makes this a desirable place for homebuyers. The area is a mix of post WWII era housing, large new homes and suburban style homes nestled amidst tall pines and majestic oaks.

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.