



Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2015

The SNA meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Jane West. Attending were: Jane West(22), Cindy Chapman(37), Kay Warhol(24), Steve Ashy (17), Doug Parrish(17), John Lozano (17), Alicia Nuzzie(12), Mark Klein(12), Tom Dornbusch(22), Ed Browne(10), Christina Walsh(10), Kathy Blueford Davids(55), Juan Sorto(48), Pedro Ayarzagotia (15), and Huey Wilson(48). SuperNeighborhoods represented at the meeting were: 10, 12, 15, 17, 22, 24, 37, 48, and 55. Guests included: Margaret Dunlap(METRO), CM David Robinson (atLarge2), CM Jack Christie (atLarge 5), Mayoral Candidate Sylvester Turner, neighborhood delegation learning more about SNA, plus Patrick Walsh and Kevin Calfee from the Planning Department.

Speaker: Mayoral candidate Sylvester Turner said that neighborhoods are the soul of a city. He wants to work closely with the SNs and to meet periodically with the SNA. He is concerned that infrastructure is not keeping up with population growth or being maintained. His number one priority is that each neighborhood feels that the city is listening and responding.

Speaker: Patrick Walsh, Director of Planning, reviewed that a General Plan for the city (Plan Houston) would help the city be more coordinated. Plan Houston is scheduled for a public hearing on 9/16. If approved, it is proposed that Plan Houston be an on-going process, solicit input, and feed into the annual budget in a process similar to the capital improvement program with an annual workplan. Director Walsh noted that once a Plan Houston annual work plan exists, then that adds another way for citizens to advocate for specific city policies or issues or plans. A motion by Browne/Ashy was **APPROVED** – SNA to endorse the proposed Houston General Plan (Plan Houston).

Speaker: Margaret Dunlap, METRO, gave an overview of the METRO ReImagining Bus Plan.

SNA Business Meeting: President Jane West

1. Jane West gave an update on the proposed Idling Ordinance. Motion by Dornbusch/Klein to endorse the proposed Idling Ordinance was **APPROVED**.
2. General discussion to create a parks committee of the SNA. Motion by Ashy/Parrish to create SNA Parks Committee was **APPROVED**. Steve Ashy has agreed to be committee chair.
3. General discussion regarding homeless issues and creating an SNA committee to develop best practices and help educate on the issues. Motion by Parrish/Dornbusch to create SNA Homeless Issues Committee was **APPROVED**.
4. Flooding & Drainage – Committee Chair Ed Browne said Chapter 9 in the city infrastructure manual has been modified so PWE department will no longer review developments less than 1 acre for changes in water flow patterns impacting neighbors. Residents Against Flooding want city to modify Chapter 9 and propose that the city create “Drainage Attainment Districts” to raise funds to address flooding.
5. Motion by Browne/Ashy to accept the August 2015 Meeting Minutes was **APPROVED**.
6. Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM by Parrish / Lozano was **APPROVED**.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Cindy Chapman, SNA Secretary