

**SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE
MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2016**

I. Call to Order, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes from Dec. 14, 2015 (5 minutes)

SN Attendance: Ed Browne (SN 10); Mark Klein (SN 12); Mardie Page (SN 13); Pedro Ayarzagoitia (SN 15); Michael Huffmaster (SN 16); Doug Parrish (SN 17); Tom Dornbusch (SN 22), Jane West (SN 22), and Margaret Poissant (SN 22); Greg LeGrande (SN 24), Sherry Weesner (SN 24); Sandra Rodriguez (SN 32), Beth Martin (SN 32); John Nienhuser (SN 32) Cindy Chapman (SN 37), Becky Edmondson (SN 37); Ray Washington (SN 40); Ruben Davis (SN 41), Barbara Blue (SN41); Deidre Taylor (SN 42); Stan Sarman (SN 43); Carol Kleiber (SN 45), Paul Parshall (SN 45); Jackie and Ivory Mayhorn (SN 47); Huey German Wilson (SN 48); Albert Coleman (SN 49 and SN 50); Bo Fraga and Felix Fraga (SN 63); Tomaro Bell (SN 83).

Visitors: Rhonda Sauter, Jack Valinski, and Mayra Hypolite (Department of Neighborhoods); Kevin Calfee (Planning and Development Department); Julia Retta (CM Robinson's office); John Gibbs (CM Kubosh's office); Martha Castex-Tatum (CM Green's office); Margaret Dunlap (METRO); Telisha Gage (Senate District 13); Cynthia Sidney (HOPE Union); Gladys House (Freedman's Town) ; Cheryl Elliott Thornton.

Motion to approve minutes from Dec. 14, 2015, meeting made by Ed Browne and seconded by Steve Ashy; approved unanimously.

II. Election of Officers (5 minutes)

Motion to Approve Nominating Committee's Report from December 2015, nominating Jane Cahill West (SN 22) to serve as Chair; Ray Washington (SN 40) to serve as Vice-Chair, and Steve Ashy (SN 17) to serve as Secretary made by Ed Browne and seconded by Greg LeGrande; approved unanimously.

III. Guest Presentations (50 minutes)

A. COH's Pothole Task Force: Mayor Sylvester Turner

Mayor Sylvester Turner discussed the work of a newly created task force to repair potholes within one business day of being reported to the 311 system. Mayor Turner was accompanied by PWE Director Dale Rudick, PWE Deputy Directors Harry Hayes and Eric Dargan; ARA Director Tina Paez; Chief Development Officer, Andy Icken, and Mayor's Spokesperson, Janice Evans.

B. Coffee with the Department of Neighborhoods: Mayra Hypolite

Ms. Hypolite discussed a new program, "Coffee with the DON" pursuant to which Department of Neighborhoods personnel will arrange meetings with community members at locations close to their homes to discuss neighborhood-related issues. To schedule a Coffee with the DON event for your SN, contact Ms. Hypolite at mayra.hypolite@houstontx.gov.

IV. Old Business: Discuss and Consider Becoming Community Partner for Glasshouse Policy's Mobility Houston Initiative (10 minutes)

Tom Visco from Glasshouse Policy reviewed Mobility Houston initiative and demonstrated web-based platform (www.mobilityhouston.com) on which five discussion threads are active (Community/Getting Around (all modes); Public Transit; Growth and Planning; Streets and Infrastructure; and Innovation & Big Ideas). Mr. Visco and his colleagues are scheduling presentations for individual SN Councils interested in hosting such a presentation. Mr. Visco may be contacted at thomas@glasshousepolicy.org.

Motion for SNA to become a Community Partner for Glasshouse Policy's Mobility Houston initiative made by Steve Ashy and seconded by Michael Huffmaster; passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports (15 minutes)

A. Transportation and Parks: Steve Ashy reported that he is trying to schedule meetings with leaders with all active SN Councils to identify transportation and parks-related issues in each SN. Mr. Ashy may be contacted at spashy32@aol.com.

B. Economic Development: Ivory Mayhorn invited participation and ideas for how best to facilitate positive economic development in each SN.

C. Flooding and Drainage: Ed Browne invited members to attend upcoming meetings of the Drainage Coalition and to visit the coalition's website (www.drainagecoalition.com) for information about flooding and drainage issues facing neighborhoods throughout the city.

D. Housing the Homeless: Doug Parish gave an overview of the success that SN 17 has had in distinguishing homeless people in need of assistance and panhandlers who may be engaging in criminal activities and invited other communities with similar issues to work together so the successes in SN 17 can be replicated in other areas of the city.

E. Regulatory Affairs: Jane West reported that the administration is expected to present a distracted driving ordinance to city council soon, and that discussion of this issue will be included on the agenda for the SNA's February meeting.

VI. Announcements and Open Comments (5 minutes)

METRO's Community Affairs liaison, Margaret Dunlap, presented a brief overview of revisions to the Reimagined bus system.

Jack Valinski from the Citizens' Assistance Office asked all current SN Council representatives to fill out a contact form to insure that the city is able to create and maintain a current list of contacts for all SN Councils. Mr. Valinski may be contacted at jack.valinski@houstontx.gov.

VII. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.