



Guests

CM Amanda Edwards
CM David Robinson
Julia Retta, CM David Robinson's Office
Laila Khalili, CM Karla Cisneros' Office
Rhonda Sauter, Citizens Assistance Office, DON
Amar Mohite, Planning Dept.
Tonya Sawyer, Planning Dept.
Stana Juarez, Public Works Dept.
Rob Lazaro, Public Works Dept.
Margarita Dunlap, METRO
Mary Blitzer, Bike Houston
Mike McEnany, Blue Print Houston
Andrea Chavira, Texas Tech. Univ.
Alexis Flores, Texas Tech. Univ.
Itzey Villafranca, Texas Tech. Univ.
Estephan Robles, Texas Tech. Univ.
Beatriz Carrillo, Texas Tech. Univ.
Alberto Ponce, Texas Tech. Univ.

Super Neighborhood Representatives

Philip Salerno, SNC 05
Ed Browne, SNC 10
Mark Klein, SNC 12
Pedro Ayarzagoyta, SNC 15
Doug Parrish, SNC 17
Michael Huffmaster, SNC 18
Barbara Kelley, SNC 20
Jane West, SNA Chairwoman, SNC 22
Steve Vealey, SNC 22
Mike Van Dusen, SNC 22
Kay Warhol, SNC 24
Sherry Weesner, SN 24
Jim Bigham, SNC 26
Beth Martin, SNC 27
Pablo Szub, SNC 27
Lester King, SNC 31
John Nienhuser, SNC 32
Marcy Williams, SNC 36
Marcia Hartman, SNC 36
Ray Washington, SNC 39/40
Ivory Mayhorn, SNC 47
Rosa Guzman, SNC 63
Kathleen O'Reilly, SNC 66
Shirley Gonzalez, SNC 85/86
Steve Parker, SNC 64 and SNC 88
Leroy West, SNC 71/76
Tomaro Bell, SNC 83

I. Meeting called to order by SNA Chair Jane West at 6:40 p.m. Moment of Silent observed in memory of Past SNA Chair, Elaine Gaskamp.

II. Introductions, and approval of minutes from September 12, 2016 meeting.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the September meeting made by John Nienhuser and seconded by Tomaro Bell, **carried** unanimously.

III. Discuss and consider adopting resolution regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 26, the off-street parking ordinance. Motion to approve the attached resolution made by Tomaro Bell and seconded by Mike Van Dusen **carried** unanimously.

IV. Discuss and consider adopting resolution regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 33, the ordinance governing the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan. Motion to approve the attached resolution made by Tomaro Bell and seconded by Marcy William **carried** unanimously.

V. Guest Presentation: At-Large Position 4 Council Member Amanda Edwards discussed the administration's Plan Houston implementation strategy.

CM Edwards said that as Vice Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee, she has been working closely with the Mayor's office and the Planning Department on the implementation of Plan Houston. Plan Houston is the City's first general plan setting forth a broad vision for Houston outlined in 12 core strategies. As a means of implementing Plan Houston, the City is initiating a program to engage the public earlier in the City's budget process. The City anticipates implementing this program each fall in order to receive input from the public that will then be provided to the Mayor and City Council as they consider budget priorities for the coming fiscal year. The current effort is a pilot program and consists of four components:

- On-line survey available to all in English and Spanish (also on paper)
- Citizen satisfaction survey conducted by phone
- Steering Committee meeting to discuss the outreach program and budget priorities
- City Council retreat

CM Edwards said that the City administration would soon be reaching out to SN Councils because of their leadership in the community to enlist their help encouraging residents to take the online survey. She explained that the survey period would begin in mid-October and continue through Friday, November 25th. She emphasized that the City would like help from the SN Councils and their leaders to spread the word and encourage residents to participate by taking the survey (www.planhouston.org). Attached hereto is a brief description of the survey that can be used to create emails, newsletters, or other types of notices, and electronic copies of push cards in both English and Spanish for use advertising the Plan Houston public input period. Please find as well electronic versions of the survey that can be used to print paper copies for submission by residents without access to the internet. CM Edwards asked SNA members, please, to share this information with their civic club and organization members, neighbors, families, and friends by including it in newsletters, social media, and email blasts, and by sharing promotional materials and paper copies of the survey.

When asked if Super Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAPs) would be brought into Plan Houston, CM Edwards said that could be discussed. She also said that SNAPs will likely be addressed via the Mayor's Complete Communities initiative when it is rolled out sometime in the near future. When asked if the data gathered during the survey would be made available to the public and whether it could be broken down on a Super Neighborhood by Super Neighborhood basis, CM Edwards said that the survey data would be gathered by zip code, and that it could possibly be made available to community members. When asked how information about the survey will be distributed, CM Edwards explained that the surveys will be available at public libraries and multi-service centers, and that the information about the survey will be distributed in a number of electronic forms including Citizens Net and social media.

Blue Print Houston board member Michael McEnany commented that the General Plan is still in outline form and needs to be filled in or completed by translating the 12 core strategies into policies and programs that are geographically specific (i.e., one size does not fit all areas of the city). For example: (1) The strategy to Grow Responsibly needs to be completed by a plan to anticipate and plan for future growth; (2) the strategy to Connect People and Places needs to be completed through development of a comprehensive mobility plan; (3) the strategy of Infrastructure needs to be completed with a plan to accommodate growth by insuring that infrastructure is appropriately sized to surrounding development. In addition, plans need to be developed to provide, affordable, safe, and healthy housing throughout the city.

SNA members who have questions or concerns regarding the public input period for Plan Houston, are encouraged to reach out to the Planning Department at 832-393-6600, or to CM Edwards' office by emailing: atlarge4@houston.tx.gov, or dialing: 832-393-3012.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Liveability (Transportation and Parks): Steve Ashy was absent. No Report.

B. Infrastructure (Flooding and Drainage): Committee Chairman Michael Huffmaster reported that the City's Chief Resiliency Officer, Stephen Costello, has yet to establish the task force he mentioned when he spoke to the SNA in August, but that in response to Mr. Costello's request for SNA volunteers to serve on the task force, the SNA's flooding and drainage committee now has the following ten members: Michael Huffmaster (SN 18, chair), Ed Browne (SN 10), Mark Klein (SN 12), Jane West (SN 22), John Nienhuser (SN 32), Ray Washington (SN 39/40), Stan Sarman (SN 43), Ivory Mayhorn (SN 47), Melissa Noriega (SN 64/88), Tomaro Bell (SN 83). Mr. Costello expects the task force to be formed and start to work early next spring. In the meantime, Mr. Costello has posed questions and asked the committee members to elaborate on the issues identified in the Top Ten List of flooding and drainage issues adopted last fall and presented to then candidate Turner prior to last year's run-off election. Mr. Huffmaster anticipates bringing an amended Top Ten list back to the full SNA for review as soon as November.

Mr. Huffmaster reported that the City is considering adoption of a Disaster Recovery Plan for which public comment is due shortly. Mr. Huffmaster hopes to convene the SNA's flooding and drainage committee in time to consider, draft, and submit comments to the draft plan.

Mr. Huffmaster reported that residents of SW Houston in the Braes Bayou watershed who have in recent years been adversely impacted by multiple floods have contacted the SNA to express interest about working together to see that efforts to mitigate the threat of flooding and improving drainage and detention are addressed on a regional basis. Expect more information about opportunities for working together with other organizations on flooding and drainage at the November meeting.

C. Growth and Economic Development: Committee Chairman Ivory Mayhorn reported that he and his committee members are looking forward to formal announcement of the Mayor's Complete Communities initiative. He reported that when members of the SNA's executive committee met with Mayor Turner on September 14th that the Mayor said the initiative was still in the development stage, but would be announced in the near future. Mr. Mayhorn also stated the need to insure that community development benefit existing community members and not displace them.

D. Housing the Homeless (Johnny Lozano) and Health and Public Safety (Tomaro Bell): Ms. Bell reported that members of the Northside Village SN (SN 51) had successfully completed a petition process to have the City's Civility Ordinance expanded to include a small part of their SN.

E. Transitions and Regulatory Affairs (Jane West): Ms. West reported that on September 14th five members of the SNA's executive committee (Jane West (SN 22), Steve Ashy (SN 17), Cindy Chapman (SN 37), Ivory Mayhorn (SN 47), and Tomaro Bell (SN 83)) met with Mayor Turner, Chief Development Officer Andy Icken, DON Director, Takasha Francis, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, Alison Brock, and Special Advisor to the Mayor, Keith Wade to discuss the SNA's Annual Report and its five recommendations for the future of the SN Program. Mayor Turner not only expressed commitment to the future of the SN Program, but also agreed to move forward on all five recommendations from the SNA Annual Report.

VII. Announcements and Open Comments (5 minutes)

Civic Association Registration: Tonya Sawyer from the Planning Department announced that the Planning and Development Department is working to update and keep current its list of civic clubs and associations. Please find attached a scanned copy of the civic association registration form. Please make an effort to share these forms with your member organizations and encourage them all to make sure that they are registered with the Planning and Development Department and that the information about their organizations on the City's list of civic associations is up-to-date.

Why some street signs have block numbers and some don't: Rob Lazaro from the Public Works Department provided the following information in response to a question raised at the September meeting regarding why some street signs show block numbers but others do not show block numbers: According to the City's PWE Traffic Operation Division experts, the inclusion of block numbers on City street signs was a higher sign standard incorporated into the 2011 update of the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices - which is a standard used across the entire state of Texas. This meant that all new City streets signs put in place after 2011 would meet this higher standard by having both the street name and block number displayed. Streets signs that were in place prior to the 2011 standards update still met the minimum requirements for Texas street signs, which is why they have not been replaced throughout the City. As streets signs wear down and need replacing, they will be replaced with new signs that meet the requirement of having both the street name and block number displayed. Reference: 2014 Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices <http://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/trf/tmutcd/2011-rev-2/revision-2.pdf>

VIII. Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.