



Zoom Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20, 2020

Attendees:

Mark Clemmons, Bob McGrew, Carol Vaughn, Houston PD Eastside Division, Kevin Barefield, Elizabeth Perez, Roseanne Peters, Jerry Garcia, Mark Mitchell District E, Beverly Parish, Ximena, Jennifer J. Pareya, Funsho Sekoni City of Houston, Jeff Wolverton, Heather ??, Tom Zakes, Sara Montelongo, Adrian Hurta, Cynthia Lomedo, Celina Phone, Gregory Brown, Omar Garcia, Karina ??,

President Roseanne Peters calls meeting to order

Report from Treasurer Bob McGrew:

\$3,608 checking

\$10,546.42 savings

Report from Membership (via Roseanne Peters):

6 new members joined in July

Meeting Background:

Test run a virtual meeting on Zoom this month, not an official business meeting

Accomplishments in neighborhood for the year:

- Roseanne Peters discussed accomplishments in the 6 months before the pandemic:
- National Night Out Oct 2019 accomplished (at Meadowcreek Park) – great turnout
- Christmas Social Dec 2019 with Santa – big success
- Valentine meeting with door prizes. Good turnout with new residents -Feb 2020
- Membership and participation increased.

- Reported on accomplishments since beginning of pandemic:
- Requests for food, directed area residents to food supplies during pandemic
- Paul Carrizales photographs residents throughout neighborhood
- Teddy Bear Parade - A TV news story covered Meadowcreek participation
- Wedding in Carriage event provided upbeat outside event for neighborhood
- Yard of the Month Resumed

- Facebook pages, Next Door—communicate through these mediums
- Website is updated by Bob McGrew and newsletter sent to residents
- Volunteer raised funds, T-shirts, thanking anonymous donor, \$221
- Working with neighboring civic clubs on homeless encampments on 45 and Monroe and Howard.
- Numerous deed restriction violations resolved with assistance from 311 and coordinated by Stephen Saucier
- Keep moving forward with concerns to be addressed.
- Future virtual meetings are likely to continue for now.

Discussions:

- Stray dogs: BARC is now actively patrolling neighborhood
- Sara Monelongo Oyervidez with Sen. Alvarado's office, 713-926-6257, sara.montelngo-eyervidez@senate.texas.gov, hosting job fair Sept. 9, email her for flyer
- Jeff Wolverton, Rep. Marianne Perez, info in chat, 713-740-8153, jeff.wolverton@housetexas.gov offers assistance to neighborhood
- Ximena Mondragon District Director for Rep. Christina Morales, ongoing food distribution, school supplies, dog and cat food, 9 a.m.-noon, HCC Campus (see contact info in notes)
- Precinct 2 Constable Democratic candidate Jerry Garcia: homeless encampment, drugs and prostitutes, 22-year veteran, supplement HPD patrol, restructure and reorganize, discusses using additional 7 percent of budget for crime concerns and working in tandem with HPD
- HPD Eastside Division, Lt. Guzman, Escobar, Tapia:
Stats for area—Officer Tapia, violent and nonviolent crime: homeless encampments, won't go away, start cleaning underpasses more frequently, once a week will be cleaning underpasses, respond to complaints, contacting owners of businesses broken into more than once to try to not be repeat conditions.
- HPD Officer Escobar: continue to enforce parking, investigation for Oak Shadow Apt. Complex, alert slip for monitoring the area, in contact with apartment enforcement unit.
- Mark Mitchell, District E, Dave Martin—contact info in chat for help with any resident issues
- Talks about Berry Bayou: Funsho Sekoni, city of Houston, Funsho Sekoni—environmental investigator, outreach coordinator, surveillance, able to trace the white substance, coming from Amy Foods, pouring into drain, issued multiple citations to Amy Foods, another month...S. Crooked Lane detergent flowing into bayou, coming from South Houston. 2-3 companies that are still under investigation. More info to come on resolution.
- Sekoni: Sewerage overflows, call 311, on city side of private side, city will clean your line, most of private issues are clogging lines with grease, flushing wipes and sanitary products, fat trappers free, scrappers into trash, funnels to pour in fat trapper
- Question about membership by Beverly Parish: See above under membership
- Greg Brown, thank police for removing junk vehicles.
- Mark Mitchell thanks for his help with BARC (Councilman Martin)
- Erin, director of Meadowcreek Park, M-F, 1-3 p.m. says food distribution for families with children ages 1-18 still occurring at Meadowcreek Park

- Elizabeth Perez, my company is sponsoring teachers and funding to virtual learning, free grant money, New York Life (see notes for details)
- Bob, matching grant from city of Houston, civic organizations, working on program where if you submit an application for expenditures you may be needed, they may match the funding up to \$5,000. Applications due in a few months. Carol Vaughn offers to assist in application.

Chat notes with contacts to various officials' offices:

Elizabeth Perez, resident: New York Life is giving grants to schools in the surrounding school districts. Any teachers interested in learning more about receiving grants for their school, please contact me directly: 713-834-5524 mobile and work email: ecperez01@ft.newyorklife.com

Jeff Wolverton District Director for Rep. Mary Ann Perez. 713-740-8153. jeff.wolverton@house.texas.gov

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City of Houston Sekoni:

Investigator Funsho Sekoni Phone :7134090085 City of Houston Health Department Phone :8323935740

Grease program: <https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/grease-program>

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.