

Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center

President Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 12 in attendance.

1) Introductions

2) BONDS Election –Kay Warhol

- Fact sheet was handed out
- Chris Brown spoke at October SNA meeting & Kay recapped what he said
- Pension Bond will make payments affordable to payout over 30 years
- If it does not pass, COH will lose \$1.8 billion it has saved so far in the pension deal

3) Other

- Montrose TIRZ October 23rd Meeting update –
 - The TIRZ Board has approved the selection of a contractor for legal counsel for various needs
 - Hazardous sidewalk repair – “Safe Sidewalks”: there is a team that will make minor repairs to the worst of them, such as “shaving” to grind down uneven panels. The pilot discussed would address area around Montrose/Westheimer intersection, two blocks in each direction, cost \$20,000 and address 60,000 issues
 - Fairview & Tuam – new development coming
 - They are asking for TIRZ \$2.3 million reimbursement over time to pay them for improvements they will make to public spaces, like sewers, sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.
- TXDOT Montrose Area update – Steve Longmire gave an update based on the recent meeting with TXDOT hosted by First Montrose Commons

- Super Neighborhood Alliance Meeting October 9th - Kay – Recap of meeting
 - Chris Brown – Discussion of Bond propositions (above); also, set up oversight committee over spending on Harvey recovery contractors
 - Steven Costello - flooding & drainage committee looking at total \$ needed for Harvey recovery & future prevention
 - Petition circulating – End Man Made Houston Flooding, which you can find on-line; asking for multi-county agency to deal with flood mitigation in various watersheds, across government boundaries <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/581/891/805/demand-flood-protection-for-residents-in-the-houston-galveston-watershed/>

- Walkable Places Committee – Greg gave update: working on recommendations for ordinance changes for Q1 2018
- Weingarten River Oaks Shopping Center development – Greg
 - A Perry’s restaurant is coming
 - A 39-story apartment complex is coming
 - Neighborhood concern on drainage, historical, infrastructure and quality of living damage.

- Neartown officer elections – coming up next month, Greg asked for volunteers to form nominating committee
- Recycling – Jack reported that recycling resumes in November, but not heavy trash or yard waste
- App: HoustonRollOut! Gives info on dates and reminders

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.