

Nearatown Association Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

President Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Introductions

2. HPD Overview, SPUR 527 homeless, Storefront, Data Driven Police Patrols—HDP’s Lieutenant Christopher Davis.

Lieutenant Davis discussed Police Chief Alvarado’s “data driven” police patrols and encouraged all to report all crimes to receive their proportion of patrols. Lt. Davis stated that homelessness has become a major problem for the COH. Homeless are checked for warrants and narcotics with a significant percentage being mentally ill. Lt. Davis discussed reporting and crime management within the area and offered to speak at Neighborhood Associations.

3. Ellen Cohen March 21st Public Meeting Recap—Harvey and CIP

Due to necessary repairs from Harvey planned upcoming capital projects have been deferred forward so that available funds can be used for those repairs. As funds are reimbursement from the State and Federal Governments the COH Capital Investment Projects will be initiated. Two CIP projects within Ellen Cohen’s District C remain funded along with Harvey related projects for the upcoming year, The Avondale Promenade Park at 424 Westheimer and a portion of Alabama rebuild (not within the boundaries of Nearatown/Montrose). Mayor Turner committed to furnishing a schedule of deferred projects along with their estimated reschedule timelines. Residents were encouraged to volunteer for certain programs as the COH will be reimbursed for their time, Chronicle Story web link:

<https://www.chron.com/news/politics/houston/article/Houston-launches-Harvey-volunteer-program-aimed-12703704.php>

4. Ongoing Initiatives and Nearatown/Montrose Related Meetings

- **Public Meetings** for the I-69 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study March 27th and 29th.
- Super Neighborhood Alliance Meeting – February 12 Meeting Update
- COH Changes to Chapter 19—Vote and Public comments at City Council March 27 Meeting (see attached COH proposal and SNA comments)

5. Other

- Walkable Places Committee Update: COH Ordinances 26 and 42 for Parking and Commercial building offsets for designated areas, “Walkable Places”, are being written for City Council and Mayor Approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.