



Meeting Minutes – Nov 9, 2015

The SNA meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Jane West. Attending were: Jane West(22), Cindy Chapman(37), Mike Van Dusen (22), Juan Sorto (49/50), Doug Parrish(17), Ed Browne(10), Michael Huffmaster(18), Ray Washington(39/40), John Nienhuser(32), Barbara Quattro(25), Tomaro Bell(83), Pablo Szub (27-Gulfton), Jim Bligham(26), Greg Sergesketter(16), Stan Sarman(43), Steve Parker (64/88), Mark Klein(12), and Kay Warhol(24). SuperNeighborhoods represented at the meeting were: 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 32, 37, 39, 40, 43, 49, 50, 64, 83, and 88. Guests included: Cathy Halka (Houston), Laura Spanjian (Houston), Daisy James (Houston), David Robinson (At-Large CouncilMember), and Bill King (Mayoral Candidate)

Speaker: Mayoral candidate **Bill King** spoke. The Super Neighborhood concept is a good idea. He believes spending is the primary problem, not revenue. Pensions will bankrupt the city unless issue is addressed. Find ways to work with the county instead of duplicating services (water treatment, crime lab, clinics, jails, patrols, libraries, etc are opportunity possibilities). ReBuild Houston - Better to borrow funds for infrastructure at current interest rates. TIRZs- Troubling that so much money is going to TIRZs located in affluent commercial areas.

Speaker: AtLarge2 CM **David Robinson** has been working with Jane West and Tomaro Bell to make the SNA more effective. Both of the mayoral candidates in the runoff want to give more voice to neighborhoods. The Houston General Plan advisory panel will now have two spots for SNA representatives.

Speaker: **Cathy Halka** of the Houston Planning and Development Department talked about the Houston Bike Plan. Steve Parker is the representative from the SNA. Goal is to improve safety and to reach not merely enthusiasts but the majority of residents, who are interested but concerned about biking in Houston. Go to HoustonBikePlan.org for more info or to sign up to receive updates.

Speakers: **Laura Spanjian and Daisy James** talked about the new Idling Ordinance to reduce problems with chronic idling. We are now in a 3 month education period about the new ordinance.

SNA Business Meeting:

1. Motion by Browne/Bell to accept the October 2015 Meeting Minutes was **APPROVED**.
2. Nominating Committee established: Tomaro Bell, Cindy Chapman, and Ed Brown.
3. After discussion, the delegates agreed to hold a business meeting in December.
4. Drainage Committee (Huffmaster) – 10 areas of concern identified and it is recommended that the city re-open CH9 and CH13 of the Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM). These concerns were emailed today by SNA President Jane West to the SNA members. After discussion, revisions to the list were proposed. Motion by Nienhuser/Huffmaster to support the amended document was **APPROVED** (with Greg Sergesketter – ABSTAIN).

Meeting Minutes submitted by Cindy Chapman, SNA Secretary