

SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE
MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2016



List of Attendees

Guests

Councilwoman At Large - Position 4 Amanda K. Edwards
Marchelle Cain - Councilwoman Amanda Edwards Deputy
Chief of Staff
John C. Gibbs - Councilman Michael Kubosh's Office
Varsha Vakil - City of Houston Health Department
Steve Goldberg - Houston Astronomical Society
Amar Mohite - City of Houston Planning & Development
Department
Margaret Dunlap - Houston Metropolitan Authority
Jack Valinski - City of Houston Citizens Assistance Office

Super Neighborhood Representatives

Ed Browne - SNC 10 - Spring Branch West
Pedro Ayarzagotia - SNC 15 - Greater Heights SNC
John Lozano - SNC 17 - Eldridge/West Oaks
Jack O'Connor - SN 17 - Eldridge/West Oaks
Steve Ashy - SN 17 - Eldridge/West Oaks
Michael Huffmaster - President SNC 18 - Briar Forest
Jane West - SNC 22 - Washington Avenue
Coalition/Memorial Park
Mike Van Dusen - SNC 22 - Washington
Avenue Coalition/Memorial Park
Sherry Weesner - SN 24 - Neartown/Montrose
Kay Warhol - SNC 24 - Neartown/Montrose
Sandra Rodriguez - SN 27 - Gulfton
John Nienhuser - President SNC 32 - S. Braeswood
Cindy Chapman - President SNC 37 - Westbury
Ray Washington - President SNC 40 - Central Southwest
Stan Sarman - President SNC 43 - Kingwood
Ivory Mayhorn - President SNC 47 - East Little York/Homestead
Rob Block - SNC 51 - Northside Village
Tomaro Bell - President SNC 83 - MacGregor

I. SNA Meeting called to Order by SNA President Jane West at 6:30pm. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 SNA Meeting was made by Ed Browne and seconded by John Nienhuser; Motion passed.

II. Guest Presentations

- A. Councilwoman At Large Position 4 Amanda Edwards was introduced and spoke on Fiscal Affairs Issues, Transportation Issues, and Quality of Life Issues. She is particularly interested in revitalizing and empowering neighborhoods, allowing communities to benefit from economic development, and developing Plan Houston.
- B. Varsha Vakil of the Houston Health Department spoke on the Zika Virus Threat and outlined Houston Action Plans and Zika Virus preventative measures. Mosquito prevention tips included advice to use repellents, wear protective clothing, and keep mosquitos outside by using window and door screens and keeping them in good repair. Mosquito control tips include advice to eliminate standing water, and to treat the area surrounding your homes with pesticides that kill both mosquito larva and adults. Anyone interested in scheduling a presentation on combating the Zika virus for threat for a meeting of their own Super Neighborhood Council is invited to contact Raul Castillo at Raul.Castillo2@houstontx.gov. For additional information about the Zika Virus please see the City of Houston Health Department's website: www.houstontx.gov/health.
- C. Steve Goldberg of the Houston Astronomical Society spoke on the new LED street lights that Center Point Energy has begun to install throughout the city. Mr. Goldberg stated that the new street lights are significantly brighter than the existing streetlights, and can pose risks to human health and safety by creating glare and reducing melatonin production. Community members concerned that the new streetlights are too bright have started a change.org petition aimed at persuading Center Point and the City of Houston to modify their existing agreement to allow installation of new street lights that are less bright, use electricity more efficiently, and are cheaper to operate. The link to the Change.org petition is here:



<https://www.change.org/p/city-of-houston-tx-centerpoint-energy-led-street-lights-feel-like-the-aliens-have-landed-need-better-choice>

Anyone interested in scheduling a presentation on the new LED streetlights for a meeting of their own Super Neighborhood Council is invited to contact Mr. Goldberg at sgoldberg124@comcast.net. Comments and concerns about these new lights should be addressed to Shelton Mitchell at shelton.mitchell@centerpointenergy.com.

III. Old Business

- A. Amar Mohite of the City of Houston Planning & Development Department spoke on the Houston Bike Plan and outlined the short and long term goals of the Bike Plan. The draft Houston Bike Plan is available for review at www.HoustonBikePlan.org. The city will be accepting comments on the draft Bike Plan through April 11, 2016. Comments may be emailed to bikeways@houstontx.gov.
- B. SNA President spoke on the SNA Annual Report that is due by the end of April and encouraged all SNC Presidents in attendance to submit their SNAP Report to her as soon as possible.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.