

Norhill Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2016

- Call to Order by Lawrence Febo, NNA President at 6:30 pm
- Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.
- Roll call of Officers/ Directors: Present:

President, Lawrence Febo

1st Vice President, Membership: Mike Clennan

Treasurer: Kathy Elsberry

Secretary: Mary Schultz

Communications Director: Jacqueline Altobelli

Director-at-Large: Daryl Sinkule

Crime Watch Officer: Pedro Arazagoittia

Absent officers:

2nd Vice President, Deed Restrictions Chair: Amanda Reynolds

Programs Director: Martin Koenig

Community Projects Director: Val Paget

Director-at-Large: Jorgen Jorgensen

- **Social Events Director:** This open position was filled when Kerry Nieman, a new member, volunteered to take the position vacated when Amanda Reynolds took over as Deed Restrictions Chair. Ms. Nieman was then elected by a vote of members present.
- **Minutes** of May 31st general meeting were read and approved
- **Design Guidelines Meeting:** Lawrence Febo drew members' attention to the Design Guidelines (for Historic District restrictions) public meeting for Norhill, which took place on June 15, 2016. Members were encouraged to attend future public meetings and to follow the purpose and results of this effort on the NNA web page.
- **Treasurer's Report** Kathy Elsberry reported the NNA current funds total of \$19,200. The only expenditures in the past 2 months each totaled less than \$250 (the minimal amount requiring approval by membership), and were approved by the NNA Board.
 - 1) Purchase of a mounted map of Norhill to facilitate the coming Home Tour; 2) a chip reader to speed up NNA record keeping and administration.
- **Committee Reports**
 - Home Tour: Stephen Presa, chair. Scheduled for October 15, 2016 – a one day event. Currently soliciting homes to be opened to the tour and donations to cover expenses. Presa described fund-raising for and by the event to be “aggressive”, as this is a primary funding source for NNA projects.
 - Flooding in Norhill: Sarah Lambert, NNA member and drainage engineer with a private consulting firm, reported on a survey that had taken place through Nextdoor Norhill, in an effort to pinpoint Norhill flooding spots aft the Tax Day Flood (2016), and the frequency of flooding in those locations. Ms. Lambert provided copies of drainage maps and water flows, obtained from the City of Houston GIMS records, available on line to the public. Discussion followed about how to impact the City's Comprehensive Drainage Plan and the need for residents to collect information documenting drainage problems.

- **Announcements:**
- Mario Castillo from Council Member Cisneros' office announced that the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to be adopted soon – too soon for residents now to influence it by requests for service. However, there are still ways to adjust that plan in the future: 1) formal CIP requests; 2) 311 calls with documentation about serious drainage, roadway, etc. problems; 3) pressure from the District Council Members. Problems must be documented and brought to the Council member's attention, as Council input to the CIP is only accepted one time per year. Castillo also mentioned that some Home Owner Associations have appointed a designated member to collect, log and present appropriately, such issues as are being discussed at this current NNA meeting.
- Pam Fotte, Manager of Proctor Plaza Community Center, expressed thanks to members who are giving financial support to the summer camp at Proctor Plaza.
- **Meeting Adjournment** It was moved and seconded to adjourn this business meeting at 7:10 pm.

PRESENTATION: USING THE NORHILL NEXTDOOR NETWORK

Ms. Stephanie Elsie, Norhill resident and one of the three "Leads" for Norhill Nextdoor, presented some of the advantages to our community provided by "Nextdoor". She also described how security and appropriateness are maintained, and some new developments like the increasing use of commercial advertising to finance the service