

Norhill Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2019

Call to order by Mike Clennan at 6:30 pm, with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence honoring, on this Memorial Day week, founding fathers who fought for our freedom as a nation.

Board Members Present: Mike Clennan, Kathy Elsberry, Tom Flannagan, Martin Koenig, Elaine O'Connor, Val Paget, Stephen Prescott, Lynn Schafer, Mary Schultz, Brian Wilson

Order of Business:

Report on Successful Home Tour:

Stephen Prescott, who organized and managed the biennial Norhill Home Tour on May 4th, 2019, reported that NNA raised just under \$11,000 from home tour tickets and pledges. The Association is under budget on expenses. Some sponsorship pledges are yet to be collected.

Announcements by President, Mike Clennan

- The program for the June NNA General Meeting will be on heavy trash pick-up.
- First Friday Happy hour on June 7th will be at the home of Ronnie and Chris Carney at 1116 Key. Members are encouraged to check the NNA Facebook page for details, and to bring a neighbor.
- Elaine O'Connor is in the process of re-designing the NNA web page for all Norhill residents to access. Members present at the meeting are encouraged to give Elaine input, ideas, information to include.
- There are still 22 trees available to Norhill residents, donated by Trees of Houston. These are free of charge with a charge for planting if desired. Contact Mike Clennan.

City Council Update from Karla Cisneros, District H (includes Norhill) Council Member

(All members are invited to give Jeremy Crane (also present), Chief of Staff to Ms. Cisneros, email contacts in order to receive regular newsletters from the Council Member.)

- Council now in budget session: fiscal year begins July 1. Fire Department will present a new budget June 5th. Cisneros states the department needs much more than salaries (equipment, facility repair)
- Veterans' Memorial Park, in district H. At request of Veteran groups, Ms. Cisneros intends to use money from her office to assist in expanding program activities in that park for Veterans and families.
- The Council Member has expanded the "Tech Connect" program for youth in the District over summer. Partnering with City Parks Dept, Houston Public Library System and other organizations, she will bring summer enrichment programs to 5 community centers in the district, hiring youth from the area to help in providing the programs. Technology training, STEM work, field trips, outdoor activities included.

Treasurer Report

Lynn Schafer reported a current total in the treasury of \$37,902.81.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm, followed by this evening's presentation .

PRESENTATION

HOUSTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN presented by Rosanne Baronne, with the Houston Climate Movement and Texas Campaign for the Environment; and Jaime Lawson, also with the Houston Climate Movement

