

Norhill Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2019

Call to order by Mike Clennan at 6:35 pm, with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence honoring seven U.S. Marines killed this week in a traffic mishap .

Board Members Present: April Azouz, Tom Burley, Mike Clennan, Kathy Elsberry, Tom Flannagan, Elaine O'Connor, Lynn Schafer, Mary Schultz, Brian Wilson. Stephen Prescott, who managed this year's Home Tour, has withdrawn from the Board of Directors for this year.

Order of Business:

REPORTS

Secretary: Minutes of the previous NNA General meeting are posted on the NNA website for all to review. It is expected that members will review meeting minutes there and contact the NNA Board with corrections. Receiving no corrections, the Chair dispenses with reading of the minutes at this meeting.

Membership: There are 150 paying members of the Norhill Neighborhood Assn. at present, with a goal of reaching 175 by year's end. Martin Koenig, NNA Membership Chair, is in process of sending letters to Norhill residents, encouraging membership in NNA.

Treasury: Lynne Schafer reports a balance of \$38,338.46, including \$500 contribution this month from **ZapBooMBang Studios** who filmed a TV commercial on Norhill Blvd.

Social Events: April Azouz reported a very successful First Friday Happy Hour on June 7th. Due to its proximity (July 5) to the Fourth of July holiday, no NNA First Friday Happy Hour is planned for July.

EVENTS AND CIVIC PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO NORHILL: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vehicle Crash into Carmelita's Cuisine at 11th and Studewood

Occurred Wednesday, 06/19: driver using excessive speed lost control and crashed through exterior wall. No serious injuries to persons. Carmelita's business closed at present. NNA President, Mike Clennan called attention to need for vigilance with significantly increased population density, which will increase when I-45 expansion construction begins, if / when plans are completed. Question raised: Can / should NNA make safety signs, stickers, flags visible to slow down distracted drivers?

Welcome Packages for New Norhill Households

Kathy Elsberry, Mary Schultz and Val Paget (NNA Board members) are preparing packages to include information on Heights area services, public services and local retailers. Suggestions welcome from members.

City Council Update from Jeremy Crane, Senior Aide to Council Member Karla Cisneros, Dist. H

Council Member Cisneros is concerned about health risks resulting from the current plan for the I-45 Expansion project, aka "North Houston Highway Improvement Project". Jeremy gave dates and locations for more public input meetings and emphasized that the plan is not yet final.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 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.