

Norhill Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2019

Call to order by Mike Clennan at 6:45 pm, with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence, with thoughts for hospitalized brother of Kathy Elsberry, NNA Board, and other seriously ill neighbors.

Board Members Present: April Azouz, Mike Clennan, Tom Flannagan, Martin Koenig, Elaine O'Connor, Val Paget, Lynn Schafer, Mary Schultz, Brian Wilson. **Absent:** Tom Burley, Kathy Elsberry

REPORTS

Minutes from June General Meeting were not read for approval, since they were posted on the NNA Facebook Page for review and comment by members. No corrections were brought forward.

Treasurer's Report: Lynne Schafer reported an increase of \$134.72 from membership dues in the past month. Current balance is \$38,452.29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Taco Night for NNA members at Fusion Taco will take place again this summer on Wednesday, 08/0719. All dues-paying members can receive one free taco. Dues can be paid on sit at Fusion Taco that evening.

First Friday Happy Hour for August will be replaced by the Taco Night for members at Fusion Taco on Wednesday, 08-07-19 at 6:30 pm. September, October and November happy hours are planned at member homes, and will be announced through the NNA Facebook page and on-line newsletter.

Suggestion for Presentations at NNA general meetings for the September, October and November of this year are requested by NNA Program Chair, Tom Burley. (The NNA Holiday party will replace the general meeting in December.) Members with ideas for interesting presentations may contact Tom at info@Norhill.org.

WHITE LINEN NIGHT in the Heights will take place this Saturday, August 3rd, 6-10 pm. For details, go to www.htswhitelinennight.com.

Norhill Turns 100 Next Year. Our Neighborhood Association is looking for ideas (events, service projects, celebrations) for highlighting and celebrating this anniversary. Ideas suggested at this meeting included:

- Invite residents to participate in a Blue Tile Project to locate and restore street names originally imbedded in curbs and cement posts at street corners.
- Organize "Adopt a Block" clean-up and improvement.
- Organize a festival for Norhill residents, featuring period decorations and costumes

A committee will be formed, as in the home tour projects, to choose ideas and to locate volunteers.

Alternative Storage Place for NNA Equipment. Mike Clennan asked members to consider whether they have a safe space to store a relatively small amount of materials (signs, decorations, etc.) free of charge or for a nominal fee less than the \$75/month currently paid for commercial storage, which is seldom accessed.

Jeremy Crain, for City Council Person, Karla Cisneros: Update on City Solid Waste collection and disposal of recyclables. Cisneros' staff has responded to many calls from citizens in this regard; at least 80, badly needed, new "garbage trucks" are expected to be added to the fleet within the next month or so.

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTION CANDIDATES

Nov. 5, 2019 will bring elections for Mayor and City Council. Three candidates were introduced and given approximately 2 minutes to speak on their backgrounds and plans:

Cynthia Reyes-Revilla: City Council District H
Isabel Longoria: City Council District H
Representative for Raj Salhotra: City Council At-Large Position 1

The business meeting was concluded at approximately 7:10 pm, to allow time for the evening's presentation:

The Campaign for ZERO WASTE in Houston: What? Why? Progress to Date
Robin Schneider, Executive Director, Texas Campaign for the Environment (TCE)
Brittany Flowers, Gulf Coast Coordinator for Texas Campaign for the Environment (TCE)