

Norhill Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2019

Call to order Tom Flanagan, serving as meeting moderator in Mike Clennan's absence, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. A Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence, were joined to start the meeting.

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

REPORTS

Minutes from July 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 a current balance is \$38,551.46.

Membership Report: Martin Koenig reports membership at 170: 10% higher than last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Happy Hour will take place on Friday, Sept. 6th, 2019 at the home of Mary Schultz, 1111 Peddie St., beginning at 6:30 pm. All NNA members are invited to come with a contribution to happy hour refreshments, and to bring neighbors who may not yet be members.

Neighbors' Night Out is scheduled this year for Tuesday, Oct. 1st. The Norhill Neighborhood Association encourages Norhill Neighbors to organize gatherings in late afternoon – evenings on this date, as a good opportunity to meet and socialize. As neighbors plan their get-togethers, and let NNA Board members know specifics, NNA will post the information on Facebook.

City Candidate Forums: **Mayoral Candidates'** Forum, sponsored by Super Neighborhood Alliance, October 5th, at Houston Community College, Central, 1300 Holman St, 77004 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/super-neighborhood-alliance-sna-mayoral-candidate-forum-tickets-69237245465>

Council District H Candidates' Forum, sponsored by Super Neighborhoods 22 & 51, 7-8:30 pm at MECA auditorium, 1900 Kane St., Houston, 77007 on October 15, 2019.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/houston-city-council-member-district-h-candidate-forum-tickets-70977996097>

Flood risk from clogged curb-side drains – A member called attention to neighbors' responsibility to help keep curbside drains free of branches and debris that accumulates following rainfall in Norhill. Debris accumulates quickly from neighborhood trees, and contributes to flood risk by clogging openings to curb-side drains.

PROGRAMS FOR NNA UP-COMING MEETINGS

- August (tonight) - Sgt Rocque and other officers from Houston Police Department: local crime statistics, ways to protect self and property, and HPD's program "PIP" (Positive Interaction Program).
- September - LINK Houston: TXDOT's controversial plans for I-45 expansion, which closely bounds the greater Heights neighborhoods.
- October - Harris County Flood control

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS, VISITORS: Warren Hitchcock , resident, new member on Oak Ridge St. Marc Flores, Congressional District 18 candidate and resident of Oak Forest.

REPORT FROM DIST. H COUNCIL MEMBER KARLA CISNEROS

Jeremy Crain, Chief of Staff, urged all present to participate in community meeting with TXDOT representatives, regarding plans for “North Houston Highway Improvement Plan” or, I-45 Expansion plan. Even though a series of public meetings have taken place in August, others are planned for October. Details in this regard are available in the District H newsletter. Norhill residents can access the newsletter by emailing Jeremy at: Jeremy.crain@houstontx.gov

The project is divided into 3 segments. Segment #3, from I-10 through downtown Houston, has funds approved and construction scheduled to start within the next 2 years. Segments 1 and 2 plans are not yet finalized nor funded. Section 2, from 610 North to I-10 significantly involves Norhill and surrounding District H neighborhoods. Segment 1 reaches from 610 North to Beltway 8.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR NNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2020

Jorgen Jorgensen, NNA member, asked if it is now time, per NNA by-laws, to have a Nominating Committee meet to select a slate of candidates for next year’s Board. He stated his desire to be a member of the Nominating Committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF NNA BUSINESS MEETING.

PRESENTATION

Houston Police Department Neighborhood Report

Sgt. James Rocque and Officers active in Norhill

Members requested that the following information from this presentation be made available with the minutes of the Business Meeting:

Eliott.escamilla@houstonpolice.org – contact for primary officer on the beat that includes Norhill

James.roque@houstonpolice.org Sergeant in charge of our area

Police Storefront for our area: 33 Artesian (behind 61 Reisner) 713-247-4400

POSITIVE INTERVENTION PROGRAM: (ongoing program to facilitate knowledge and communication between citizens and police in Houston) meets at:

1602 State St.

7:00 pm, on 1st Tuesday of every month

(except for October, November and Christmas)