

Norhill Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2019

Guest Presentation Business meeting was delayed, to respect very limited time of guest speaker, Myron Jones, Harris County administrator- liaison to the H.C. Flood Control District, who spoke ahead of the meeting. Mr. Jones informed NNA members in detail, of the infrastructure projects, underway and planned, to mitigate storm water flooding in the Houston area.

Call to Order Mike Clennan called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm, opening with a Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

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

Minutes of the September NNA General Meeting were available on paper at the meeting and approved.

REPORTS

Membership: Total number of registered / paid NNA members is 180.

Deed Restrictions: Tom Flanagan confirmed there were no new reviews or actions to report.

Crime Watch: No report.

Communication: Elaine O'Connor has posted on-line to the neighborhood, announcements regarding tonight's meeting as well as upcoming events such as First Friday Happy Hour, Halloween Festival, etc. Fliers informing of such events were distributed to Norhill neighbors, door to door by Board members.

Programs: No Report

Social Events:

- Neighbors' Night Out, Oct. 1, 2019, was successful, with a large pot-luck and live barbecue on the north esplanade. This event brought together both new and long-time residents.
- Happy Hour will take place at the home of Martin Koenig this Friday, Nov. 1st.
- NNA Christmas Party to take place Tuesday, 12/10/2019 at 1111 Studewood "Penthouse".

Community Projects: Welcoming packet for new residents are still in process and being distributed. Val Paget mentioned the success of The Oct. 4th Happy Hour at her home, which brought 6 new participants.

Treasurer's Report: Lynne Schafer reports a balance of: \$38, 501.98.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

The suggested slate of officers, established by the Nominating Committee, was read by Elaine O'Connor who has chaired that committee. It is as follows:

- President: Elaine O'Connor
- VP- Membership: Chris Buras
- VP-Deed Restrictions: Tom Flanagan
- Secretary: Val Paget
- Treasurer: Brent Maynard
- Programs: Alison Mitchell
- Communications: Mike Gust
- Social Events: Josh Sigler

- Community Projects: Mike Clennan
- Crime Watch: Brian Wilson
- At-Large 1: Jorgen Jorgensen
- At-Large 2: Suzanne Parr

No nominees were submitted from the floor. A motion to approve the suggested slate by acclamation was made by Mary Schultz and seconded by Kathy Elsberry. The motion was unanimously approved by NNA members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Repair Café: (Mary Schultz): An opportunity to repair (rather than discard) broken appliances, bicycles, clothing needing alteration – Saturday, 11/09/2019 at TX/RX Labs on 205 Roberts St. 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

Norhill's 100th anniversary (Lawrence Febo): Norhill's actual 100th anniversary is in 2023, not 2020, as NNA's Board has promoted. Research shows that it is only a southern section of Norhill that was build in 1920, but the majority of the neighborhood was build in 2023. Mike Clennan (NNA current president) stated this news will be taken into consideration as soon as a "centennial" committee becomes active.

Need for Norhill Historian (Mike Clennan): In light of Lawrence Febo's announcement, the members were reminded that NNA is always looking for someone interested in being a historian of the neighborhood.

City Council Dist. H Report (Jeremy Crain, Chief of Staff to Karla Cisneros, Council Member)

- Last week City Council voted to approve a 1 year contract with the design consultant firm previously working with the City of Houston in establishing "historic design guidelines" for historically designated neighborhoods in Houston. (The contract had ended approximately 2 years ago before completion of guidelines for three areas: Norhill, Woodland Heights, and Old 6th Ward.
- This is a national firm, not based in Houston, but it will be returning and working in Houston for the period of the contract. Houston Planning Department is open to input from residents.
- Roman Allen is the Historic Preservation Officer named to manage this work.
- Historic Guidelines apply to the whole City and will not be changed. They will be interpreted to meet needs of specific historic neighborhoods.
- This discussion and interpretation of HISTORIC GUIDELINES has nothing to do with Deed Restrictions.
- The planned community discussions will NOT re-discuss what was already covered in 2017 in regard to our historic neighborhood and the Guidelines. They will use data already collected and proceed from there.

MEETING ADJOURNED