

General Membership Meeting Minutes

The meeting called to order at Sinclair Elementary School @ 7:05 PM with 53 dues paying members in attendance, with a quorum being present.

Speakers and Guests

SCANNED

Houston Police Department (HPD)— Cpl. Mark Leija representing HPD reviewed year to date crime statistics for the area. Burglary and theft were up for the year, but all other categories decreased. He spoke about the upcoming advent of “open carry” in Texas. The Department is working on policies to address the new law. Crime Prevention Tips included not leaving your garage door open and not posting vacation plans on public sites such as Facebook.

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) – Gary Bezemek, P.E., Project Coordinator and Erin P. Going, Property Manager

Mr. Bezemek had a PowerPoint presentation tailored to Timbergrove Manor reviewing the history of the District. He reviewed the “project process” including design, construction and maintenance for Flood Control. TMCC is in the White Oak Watershed. The alignment of the bayou has been changed over time, including straightening and the addition of concrete lining, as indicated by historical aerial photographs. Storm water detention was not required as part of the development approval process until 1990.

Parts of TMCC are within what is classified as a Shallow Floodplain. The speaker reviewed the probability of flooding for this event. In addition, another scenario for TMCC would be “ponding and overland flow” where the neighborhood may experience localized flooding, as a result of rainfall and topographical features.

Ms. Going spoke about the Buyout Program that was sponsored by FEMA in the area. Currently there are about 18 lots in the program, where owners volunteered to sell the properties, with 5 lots having maintenance agreements with HCFCD. The two (2) options are adopt a lot or landscape maintenance agreements. Currently the lots that do not have agreements are only mowed eight (8) times a year, with no maintenance to trees, fences or hedges.

Points of contact were given for maintenance issues and agreements:

Residents should contact the Citizen’s Service Center, Mr. Raul Ramos, (713)-684-4197 for maintenance issues and Agreement Representative, Ms. Sarah Wolf (713) 316-4808.

There was a brief question and answer period including questions concerning whether: the FEMA lots could be sold, recent/chronic flooding in Hiddenlake Townhomes, maintenance of existing fences of the TMCC FEMA lots and overgrowth from two (2) of the FEMA lots, between Bryce and Shelterwood, that obstruct the sidewalks along West 11th Street.

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HCFCFCD Representatives' Comments – Continued

1. The speaker indicated that he did not have enough information about the acquisition of the lots and if there was a mechanism that would allow the lots to be sold and developed. This could be pursued further by contacting the speaker.
2. A number of neighbors from the Hiddenlake Townhomes stated their opinions concerning their area, which is adjacent to White Oak Bayou in "Old" Timbergrove Manor. The speaker invited the guests to speak with him after the meeting.
3. Concerning the wooden fence on West 11th Street, which is in a state of disrepair, HCFCFCD stated that they do not maintain fences or have a means to deal with downed trees unless they fall in the COH right-of-way. They did not have an answer. The resident explained the need for a barrier along West 11th Street.

Their presentation concluded at 8:15 PM.

Harris County Precinct 4 (HCP4) -Community Assistance Department - Ms. Stinsman

TMCC is located within the City of Houston and HCP4 does not maintain the roads, bridges and drainage in the area. The Precinct has a network of trails, greenways and parks, primarily in the northern portion of the County. The speaker reviewed the Precinct's Parks program and suggested that residents and TMCC contact her in the future for future inquiries and coordination with HCFCFCD.

Annual Elections-

A ballot was distributed for the election of TMCC 2016 Officers and Directors. The president requested nominations from the floors, which there were none. The ballots were collected and the results were as follows:

Officers (2016)		Directors (2016-2017)	
Name/Position	Number of Votes	Name	Number of Votes
William Morfey, Pres.	41*	Lorraine Cherry	36*
Leslie Hillendahl, V.P.	40*	Dale Dugas	18
Peter Davies, Secy.	41*	Kirk Guy	33*
Paige Ochterbeck, Tres.	41*	Darlene Wayt	37*

*-Indicates individual elected by the membership for the noted positions and terms

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Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report – The meeting minutes were reviewed by the membership. Lorraine Cherry made a motion to approve the minutes without corrections, which was seconded by Darlene Wayt. By a show of hands, the minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report- Paige reviewed the report with the membership. Following her presentation, a motion was made by Dale Dugas to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Sylvia Landry. By a show of hands, the report was approved without corrections.

Committee Reports

Activities- Snow Fest is scheduled for Saturday December 5th at Jaycee Park from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Light judging will take place December 19th

Architectural Review Committee –No report.

Beautification –No report.

Block Captains – Block captains are needed for the 2200-2300 block of Haverhill, 1300 block of Jeannine, 1300 block of Seaspray and 1100-1200 block of Clovis.

Deed Restriction Enforcement – No update.

Environmental Affairs –

West 11th Street Park -Lorraine Cherry reported on the upcoming volunteer day in the park scheduled for November 14th. She also reviewed the on-going trail project and requested donations. In April 2016 a running event will be held benefiting the park.

Jaycee Park -Darlene Wayt reported that the corporate and individual donations have covered the costs of providing the two (2) chemical toilets at Jaycee Park. She has coordinated and facilitated the required steps with the City of Houston to meet all the requirements. The start of the Jaycee Park ballfield lighting project has been delayed, (See Attached).

Membership –Gary reviewed the membership participation, reporting 53 dues paying members attended tonight's meeting with additional residents from adjacent neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Security – The program is scheduled to start November 16th and will end in mid-January 2016. Chris reviewed the program particulars with the membership. The S.E.A.L.s will be at the annual Snow Fest.

Timbergram – The editor is still looking for future articles

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Committee Reports Continued

Timbergreeters – The President asked if any residents know of any new neighbors to contact Carolyn Bryant.

Website –Chris reviewed the website and asked residents to submit any ideas or suggestions to him

Yard of the Month – No report.

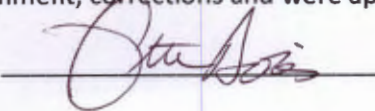
Old Business – No items.

New Business – Election results (See Above).

Motion to Adjourn – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 by Darlene Wayt.

These TMCC General Meeting Minute, prepared by Peter Davies, were presented to the membership on January 12, 2016 for review, comment, corrections and were approved.

Peter Davies, TMCC Secretary



Attachments

Questions for November 10th TMCC General Meeting

FEMA Lots

1. Can the mowing cycles be adjusted to reflect the level of care that is the norm for the neighborhood? Including trimming the hedges along West 11th Street?
2. Can the derelict fences along West 11th Street be replaced or repaired so that they are not eyesores and do not pose a danger to the public?
3. Can the lots be sold so that single family residences be constructed on them and returned to the tax rolls?
4. Who is the point of contact for HCFCD and their contact information so that they may be contacted by the Timbergrove Manor Civic Club (TMCC) when problems are reported?

Other Floodplain Related Issues

5. Is there a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the existing FIRM Panel map that alters the delineation of the 100 year Floodplain and 100 year Floodway within Timbergrove?
6. What improvements have been done in the neighboring areas such as Cottage Grove and IH-10 to lessen the chances of future flooding in Timbergrove?

Harris County Taxes

1. When private security options for Timbergrove were researched, the constable program was considered but is very expensive. Are the taxes we pay Harris County supposed to ensure constable patrols of our neighborhoods in addition to HPD? If yes, why are constable patrols of Timbergrove almost non-existent?
2. What is the possibility of Harris County entering into an inter local agreement with the City of Houston to properly maintain Jaycee Park (1300 Seamist Dr., 77008, in Timbergrove)?

Environmental Affairs Report Submitted by Darlene Wayt

Jaycee Park Report for the TMCC General Meeting November 10, 2015

The board voted to fund the Jaycee Park porto-potty units for 2016. Designated donations paid for the units and the insurance. Payless Porto Jons is once again the vendor. The TMCC contract calls for 1 cleaning per week. If any person, sports group wants an extra cleaning for a party or an event, contact the vendor directly and make arrangements. The vendor's phone number is on the units.

Demo and construction for the Jaycee Park Ball Field Lighting Project has been delayed until after January 1, 2016. This info came from Lisa Johnson, Parks Program Manager, in a phone call on November 9, 2015.