

TMCC General Membership Meeting

May 12, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 PM

A Recorded Zoom Meeting

Introduction – Cynthia Schwendeman, TMCC Board Member introduced herself and the COH speakers.

City of Houston Guests

Julia Retta and Ashley Campbell – Council Member Kamin’s Office. Ashley addressed the members announcing that the COH has released their proposed Budget for the coming year. She also mentioned the opening of City Community Centers and the gradual re-opening of facilities.

Traci Riley mentioned that there is a variance pending at Ella and Grovewood, adjacent to the school crossing, and expressed the Clubs frustration with the Planning Commission and the variance process. There was also a question concerning the future West 11th Street bike lane plan and the speaker pledged to get back to the members with more information.

Jack Valinski -Mayor’s Assistance Office attended the meeting but did not speak.

Officer’s Reports

Secretary’s Report –

March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Following review of the Meeting Minutes, a motion was made to approve the corrected Minutes by Roxanne Hall and was seconded by Jennifer Vickers. By member response the meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report –

March 2021 Financial Reports – Roxanne Hall presented the reports which are attached. Following review of the Reports, a motion was made to approve the Financials by Peter Davies and was seconded by Matt Kern. By member response the Financials were approved.

Committee Reports

Activities – Jennifer Vickers reported that an in-person event was being considered for the Fourth of July Ice Cream Social. There was a consensus that we can have a centralized event that will be COVID19 compliant.

Beautification – Jennifer Vickers reported that the esplanade monument that was damaged about a month ago has been repaired and was being paid for by the driver's insurance carrier.

Block Captains – Laura Bradham reported that there are 43 active Block Captains and needing a Block Captain for Abington.

Deed Restrictions and Design Review Committee – Traci Riley reported that the web was down last week. The residents at 2311 Haverhill will be submitting a revised design for the residence but will install a screen fence in the interim. She also addressed the issue of solar panels that are not mentioned in the original deed restrictions. The consensus currently is that solar panels are not permitted on the elevation of the house that can be seen from the street. There was a subsequent discussion about the harmony and conformity clause in the current deed restrictions.

Environmental Affairs – There have been continued reports about the stench coming from the Bryce Chemical Feed Station. Jennifer Vickers will add a link to the Meeting Minutes for reporting emissions. Laura Bradham reported that there is a manhole at the corner of Woodbrook and Bryce that is particularly foul.

Friends of West 11th Street Park - Jennifer Vickers reported that there is an effort to have the park designated a Nature Preserve by the City. Laura Bradham also announced that there is a weekly bird walk through the park. There is an observation board that provides additional information for visitors.

Membership – No report. Membership stands at 440 members.

Neighborhood Security – Larry Scruggs reported that he and Roxanne Hall completed the HPD training classes. He further reported there were two (2) burglaries in April. There has also been a report of a suspicious vehicle in Section 14.

Programs – No report.

Timbergram – Jennifer Vickers reported that the May edition was delivered and recapped a few news items. The deadline for the July edition is June 15th.

Timbergreeters – The committee is active and working on greeting new members.

Website – Jennifer Vickers made a request for help with Square Space that is used for the website platform.

Yard of the Month – No report.

Old Business – Traffic Studies

Overmeyer Street – No Update. Pending City action.

Sinclair Expansion – SNC-14 members took Anne Sung on a tour of the area and made a Board request to update the demographics for the school due to the rapidly redeveloping area, including apartment complexes in the area. The Contractor is continuing to work on utility connections for the future modular buildings, with the project being completed in August.

New Business -

Shirkmere Traffic – Section 5 - A resident addressed the problems with an increase in Traffic on Shirkmere due to Grace Bible Church on Sundays and the businesses on Hurst. There was a discussion concerning requesting a traffic study and Peter Davies made the motion that: TMCC submit a request to the City of Houston Traffic Operations Group to have a traffic study done to determine measures to alleviate cut through traffic and consider traffic calming measures on Shirkmere. The motion was seconded by Ralph Deyela and approved by member responses.

It was further suggested that a future meeting speaker/program could feature the COH Traffic Department and discuss the Overmeyer, Sinclair Elementary and Shirkmere issues. One of the options residents would like to discuss is the closing of Hurst through traffic.

Contacting Grace Bible Church (GBC) – Traci Riley volunteered to contact the church concerning the traffic issue and reminded the members that facilities such as GBC typically employ off duty police officers to direct traffic.

Contacting Curtis Steel, South Waste and Other Concerns on Hurst – Peter Davies volunteered to contact the businesses and discuss the No Thru Trucks designation that Shirkmere has in place and ask for their cooperation not to have commercial vehicles cut through the neighborhood.

There was a Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Next TMCC Board Meeting is May 25th and General Meeting September 14th.

These General Meeting Minutes were prepared by Peter Davies and posted to the TMCC website.

Peter Davies, TMCC Secretary

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