

# Westbury Civic Club Regular Monthly Meeting

## Westbury Baptist Church

Minutes – 04/15/15

### Members present

Amanda Bess, Eugene Sirls, Charley Porcarello, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Becky Edmondson, David Cummins, Jeff Benevides, Mark Knoblauch, Stephanie Lester, Rocio Serna, Virginia Livingston, Meg Horner, Jeff Weiss, Jennifer Edmondson

### **Meeting called to order by WCC President Becky Edmondson at 7:01**

President recognized guests

- Brays Oaks Management district director of services Richard Rodriguez
  - Gave an overview of office, area of coverage
- Donald Perkins – Larry Green chief of staff
  - NUSA conference
  - Westbury CIP drainage project is in the works for 2020; design projected to start in 2016
  - West Loop park and ride will be discontinued due to low service
    - recommendations will be to take multiple buses and/or METRO rail downtown

Dputy Vo from the Constable's office gave a brief crime report

Minutes were distributed to the board

- Motion to accept was made by Jeff Benavides
- Motion was seconded.

Virginia Livingston gave an overview of the successful Westbury Community Garden birthday

David Cummins gave a WCC financial report

Met with Chase bank representatives regarding WCC

- Did account analysis on WCC fees and found already-discounted fees
  - Not much chance of getting additional reduction in fees with current bank
- Likely no change in sending WCC membership fees to Dallas as there are few options
- Question was asked regarding Westbury revenue status; no answer known currently

WCC President's Report

- Keep Houston beautiful day was a success
- WCC voted unanimously to donate money (\$500) for butterfly garden

- Meg Horner, Jennifer Edmondson, Charley Porcarello are on a new sign committee to create neighborhood signs for trash/tree waste
- NUSA conference is coming up. Money is available in the education fund to reimburse board attendees
  - Jennifer Edmonson and Kevin O'Brien will be sponsored by the WCC
  - Need for volunteers to help with the tour
  - WCC asked to allocate \$500 from the WCC to help with NUSA tour expenses
    - Other organizations have put in money (BOMD, Weichert realtors)
    - Jennifer Edmondson made a motion to allocate \$500
    - Motion was seconded
- Heath Campbell has resigned his section 5 directorship

Eugene Sirils provided a trail update

- Projects are still in planning phases
- Goal is to connect the bayous

Section Director and Board Member Reports:

- Parkwest 2 no report
- Westbury 2 – concerns of speeders on city streets
  - Recommended to call the constable's office with specific times/locations of occurrences
- Westbury 5 – need additional Westbury 'Yard of the Month' signs
  - Suggested to remodel Yard of the Month signs
- Secretary - nothing to report
- Flood Control and Infrastructure – nothing to report
- Treasurer – mentioned stumps have been ground down in the area
- Vice President – nothing to report
- WCC office – White elephant sale booths still available for May 9<sup>th</sup> sale
- Westbury 3 - nothing major to report
- Westbury 4 – noted that some stumps have been marked for removal
  - Littering becoming more common at the entrance area to Westbury 4
- Westbury 5 – has had success with talking to neighbors about violations (i.e. heavy trash out after trash day)
  - after trash day)
- Westbury 1 – nothing major to report

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 was made by Jennifer Edmondson

- Motion was seconded

*Submitted by WCC Secretary Mark Knoblauch*