

Westbury Civic Club Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Westbury Baptist Church

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2015

Board Members Jennifer Edmondson, Jeff Weiss, Stephanie Lester, Jeff Benevides, David
Present: Cummins, Charley Porcarello, Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson, Leslee Cross,
Robert Montgomery, Joe Niles

I. Meeting Called to order by WCC President Becky Edmondson at 7:00 PM

President recognizes representatives from City of Houston Solid Waste, FEMA, SBA, and City of Houston Public Works.

II. New Business

Nomination for open Secretary Position – Dan Vega

David Cummins motion to approve. Jennifer Edmondson seconds. Board votes in favor.

Recap of NUSA conference awards (1st Place Neighborhood of the Year, 2nd place for Crier)

Proposal to join WAIC for the Westbury Super Neighborhood to be a sponsor of the local SW Houston candidate's forum and mayoral debate.

Jeff Benevides motions to approve. Jeff Weiss seconds. Board votes in favor.

President recognizes Stephanie Lester and others for their assistance to the community during the recent flood.

III. Guests

City of Houston Solid Waste

- Trash pickup to continue on regular schedule
- Currently working with private 3rd party contractors to ensure continues service
- Urge residents to continue to call 311 for specific home pickup services
- Solid Waste will make three passes through the City picking up storm debris; they are still on the first pass 23 days after the storm
- Brief Q&A Session
- Becky Edmondson and others commend Solid Waste for their continued exemplary efforts in the area

FEMA (Patricia Mancha)

- 9,000 homes have registered for assistance due to the recent flooding
- Various methods to apply/register for assistance:
 - o 800-621-3362

- www.disasterassistance.gov
- m.fema.gov
- July 28th (60 days after the event) is the deadline to register
- Must apply for FEMA assistance in order to apply for SBA loan
- Renters and those whose vehicles were damaged by the flood can apply for assistance as well
- Up to 18 months of rental assistance
- 7-10 day turnaround for physical check. 12-24 hour turnaround for bank ACH.
- Businesses also qualify for assistance for some cases
- Maximum grant money to those who flooded is \$32,900
- Brief Q&A Session

City of Houston Public Works (Mark Lathan)

- Chapter 19 – Flood Plain Ordinance
- Flood Plain Office – 832-394-8854
- Walked through to explain steps to apply for Floodplain permit, and applicable cases
- If you are in the flood plain you have to go to their office to get the flood plain permit; cost under \$150.00. If you only have residential repairs that do not require a trade permit such as electrical or plumbing you DO NOT need any additional permits.
- Open Q&A with residents

President thanks the various guest representatives for their participation in this month's meeting to address the concerns of those residents impacted by the recent flood.

President recognizes various candidates for local office in attendance and thanks them for taking the time to hear the concerns of our community.

IV. Section Director and Board Reports

Financial & prior meeting minutes review pushed to July meeting, as well as section director and board reports, in order to allow more time for guest speakers and resident Q&A session

V. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made around 9:00 PM by Jennifer Edmondson. Motion was seconded

VI. Next Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

July 15, 2015

7:00 PM

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Submitted by WCC Secretary Dan Vega