

Westbury Civic Club Regular Monthly Meeting

Westbury Baptist Church

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2015

Present: B. Edmondson, C. Chapman, A. Bess, E. Sirls, J. Edmondson, R. Montgomery, L. Cross, D. Cummins, V. Livingston, R. Lara, C. Porcarello, M. Horner.

I. Meeting Called to order by WCC President Becky Edmondson at 7:02 PM

Constable Sgt. Hernandez provided a security update. HPD Officer Ly has been replaced by HPD Officer Amber Vick at the Westbury HPD Storefront.

President Edmondson noted that the "Cool Down with the Constables" event at Westbury Park was a success. Every section director is encouraged to host a Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) party in October.

President Welcomes Donald Perkins, Chief of Staff for District K. Discussed the Council District Request process. Last year District K provided funding for: re-asphalting the trail at Hager Park, section of sidewalk at the Westbury Community Garden, and fence at Westbury Park along Stillbrooke.

B. Edmondson will consolidate suggestions for Westbury area by deadline of 9/15.

Free spay/neuter event in Westbury in August sponsored by District K.

II. Officer Reports

Secretary Report

- Minutes distributed via email, per previous discussion.
 - o Motion made to approve July minutes by J. Edmondson. Seconded by D. Cummins. Board votes in favor.

Treasurer Report

- Running behind on funds for the constables. (Shortfall of \$78k). Also had to borrow money from dedicated security reserves in 2014. This is a serious problem.

Security Report

- Covered by Constable Sgt Hernandez update.

III. New Business

Currently interviewing candidates for an additional part-time office worker.

Board discussed pros and cons of renting larger office space.

Elections at Annual Meeting next month in September

- President Edmondson noted that no positions are contested.
- No changes to bylaws proposed this year.
- The September Annual Meeting will start at 6:30 PM (not 7 PM) and board members are asked to arrive at 6 PM.

IV. Section Director Reports

Flooding & Infrastructure (J. Benavides)

- J. Benavides sent a written report. J. Edmondson stated the city now concedes that the Rampart storm water line at Willowbend had never been connected to the header decades ago. Public Works has now connected the Rampart line (near parking lot for Westbury Baptist) and will clean the years of accumulated debris.

Deed Restrictions

- J. Edmondson stated that Dept of Neighborhoods (DoN) will resume monthly tours in August.
- Current WCC office focus is high grass and trash; letters sent to homeowners are getting good response.

Community Relations

- C. Chapman reviewed Mayoral Forum held August 17 at Lovett Elementary.
- Westbury Super Neighborhood is co-sponsor of a Mayoral Debate with other Super Neighborhoods of southwest Houston, to be held on September 29 at Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist.
- New WHS Principal invited Edmondson & Chapman to do bus tour with new WHS teachers.

V. Announcements and Q&A

V. Livingston said the Westbury Community Garden (WCG) is working toward a Master Plan. A group from the Greater Houston Community Foundation will tour the garden in September.

Q&A Session conducted with residents who attended the August WCC meeting.

VI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made around 9:00 PM by R. Montgomery. Motion was seconded by J. Edmondson.

VII. Next Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

September 16, 2015

6:30 PM

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Submitted by C. Chapman due to WCC Secretary absence.