

BRAESWOOD SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 17, 2017

STAKEHOLDER	DELEGATE	PRESENT	ALTERNATE	PRESENT
Braeswood Place Homeowners Association	Billy Pilgrim	Y		
Friends of Linkwood Park	Jenna Arnold		Rhonda Needham	
Jewish Family Services	Lynae Novominsky	Y	Gloria Ribnick	
Knollwood Village Civic Club	Cheryl O'Brien	Y	David Fitts	
Linkwood Civic Club	John Nienhuser	Y	Caroline Walker	
			Matt Gruber	Y
Pemberton Circle Homeowners Association	Carol Rothenberg		Laura Land	
Townhouse Manor Fund, Inc.	Michael Lewter		Cindy Domenici	Y
Westridge Civic Association	Renee Hawke	Y	LeeAnn Chastain	
Woodside Civic Club	Leslie Kian		Marisa Hoffman	
Longfellow elementary School	Garland Spiller	Y		

There are currently 10 stakeholders in the Braeswood Super Neighborhood (BSN). A quorum requires 1/3 or 3 delegates or their proxy. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Also present were Donald Perkins and Barbara Hite from Councilmember Larry Green's office as well as Carl Davis from the City.

Billy Pilgrim provided an update on Project Brays. He brought a detailed map of the project and posted it on the wall so people could see the project plan. Billy graciously stayed after the meeting to answer questions people had after they reviewed the map. He also highlighted status of the Stella Link and Buffalo Speedway bridges. The Stella Link bridge will be extended 20' and that construction begins in 2019. The Buffalo Speedway bridge rebuild will begin in July 2018 and is expected to last a year. This will be a total rebuild and the new bridge will have 4 traffic lanes and a dedicated left hand turn lane. The bridge will be similar to the Lidstone Bridge which has already been completed.

As a follow-up to the April meeting and discussions then regarding traffic light timing, Cheryl O'Brien reported that the signals at Main and Buffalo Speedway and Murworth at Main have been adjusted. This has resulted in some improvement of rush hour traffic flow. We will continue to monitor all lights in the area.

Renee Hawk provided an update on the possibility of installing bike stations in the area. The organization that operates the stations, Houston BCycle, feels that our area is a logical extension of the system. The goal would be to link the 2 city parks, Linkwood and Karl Young, to the Braes Bayou trail to the Medical Center area. Each station costs approximately \$45,000. We would need to find funding for a station.

Donald Perkins provided a brief update on some other road issues. Buffalo Speedway south of the bayou is not currently in the CIP plan. Councilmember Green is aware of the need for this portion of Buffalo Speedway to be rebuilt and is working on ways to get that done. The Linkwood area is in the CIP for total street reconstruction in 2019. Woodshire, Townhome Manor and Westridge are scheduled for 2020.

Renee Hawk reminded the group that Linkwood Park is scheduled to start the renovations in December 2017.

Cheryl asked for volunteers to assist in various beautification projects/ Kevon Antill graciously offered to help coordinate this effort.

NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting, Hurricane Harvey hit Houston and our area was hit hard. We will work on the beautification efforts after the area returns to some normalcy.

Various matters were raised by the attendees at this time. Railroad crossings on Braeswood is one of them. Donald has a contact at Union Pacific and he has reached out to him regarding these crossings. Barbara Hite also mentioned that Union Pacific had a representative at the last HPD PIP meeting. The rep noted that each crossing has a sign with a 1-88 number on it. You can call that number to report issues to Union Pacific. She encouraged each of us to utilize that process as a way to keep the railroad informed of problems with the crossings.

Renee announced that the SN, working in conjunction with other SNs in the area, will be hosting a voter education forum in the fall. There are several ballots issues from the city as well as HISD trustee elections on the ballot. Stay tuned for further details.

Cheryl asked Kevin Antill to update the community on the Bethany Senior Living project. Kevin said that the opposition group has approximately 800 signers (out of approximately 1200 households close to Bethany) on a petition to stop this project. A lively discussion was held regarding the current status of that project. The group plans to be in attendance at the August 22, 2017 meeting of the Houston Housing Authority as well as at the September 19, 2017 meeting.

NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting, the September meeting of the housing authority was rescheduled to September 26, 2017.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, September 28, 2017 at Linkwood Park. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE ROSH HASHANA HOLIDAY.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl O'Brien

Secretary