

**Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) Board Meeting & Westbury
Super Neighborhood #37 Monthly Meeting Tuesday, Sept 17, 2024 10:10 AM
Meeting at Shannon Walker Library 11630 Chimney Rock**

Attendees: Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, David Roschke, Skip Reeder, Kathryn Noser, Jorge Rivera, Mike Knox, Mayra Hypolite, Brian Pendleton, Lindsey Pollock, Debbie Gordon, Susan Shafer, Veronica Hernandez.

Call to Order & Welcome 10:10 am & Introductions and Visitors, if any: Becky introduced Mayra Hypolite. Re-introduced Vice-President David Roschke to newer members of the group. Meeting called to order at 10:11.

Speaker: Mayra Hypolite worked for City of Houston for 32 years. Now working for Harris County Attorney's Office as Outreach Coordinator. Christian Menefee wants to make sure leaders and organizations are introduced to the city and that people know what is available. His office wants everyone to know that they are here to help. Environmental concerns are very important. Mentioned concrete plant. 300 attorneys and 160 paralegals. She can let us know which department handles issues. Skip mentioned partnership between Houston One Voice and Harris County Attorney's Office.

Secretary: Minutes from Aug 2024: Accepted as presented. Susan explained the WAIC letter to Houston ISD regarding bond concerns. Skip mentioned that flooding isn't mentioned in the bond proposal. Jorge mentioned that school boundaries were changed but not officially announced.

Treasurer's report: Attached. Jorge asked for \$560 for bounce houses for the Fall Festival at Anderson Elementary. Susan moved to approve \$560. Kathryn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Spring Village and detention update: Received update Friday. As soon as apartments are down, flooding and drainage project will begin. It appears there is no mowing plan. Martha Castex Tatum suggested possibly hiring a mowing company. Could areas like this be labeled as city parks? Kathryn mentioned the Houston Parks Board meeting and how they talked about prioritizing these spaces with connectivity, enhancement, etc.

New business: Bioswales: Westbury Project began Friday, Sept 13 at 5659 Cartagena, near Anderson Elementary School. This was the first of 6 planting projects. Wilderness Houston provided water, snacks, gloves, tools, and plants.

National Night Out - Oct 1: Westbury Community Garden will host National Night Out on the grounds. Received a grant from HEB and a small grant from Costco. HPD South Gessner Station, Precinct 5 and District K will be there. Shawn Thierry's office will provide refreshments. Plant It Forward Farms has applied to USDA for a grant but must be able to show a lease on the property. They have sent a sublease proposal. City leases property to BOMD to be used as a garden, so WAIC will administer that agreement.

Bill Burhans was not present but informed us that Donald Perkins Neighborhood Trail from Chimney Rock/W. Belfort to park will be complete sometime in September or October. Will also be getting speed bumps on Gasmer.

Becky announced that Cindy Chapman will be stepping down as the president of Westbury Civic Club and made a presentation. She served as the president from 2019-24 and 2008-10. Lindsey will be replacing Cindy. Becky and Cindy have been co-presidents of Super Neighborhood for 19 years.

WAIC was begun in 1985. David was part of that original group and included education leaders, religious leaders, and civic leaders. Officer election will be in November.

Around the table:

Skip wanted to remind everyone that Houston One Voice, Corps of Engineers and Flood Control District believe that the greatest opportunity to reduce flooding is through redevelopment of Ruffino Landfill and adjacent Doty Landfill. Not focused on it as much as we should be. City spends a million dollars per year in maintaining it. Money should not be an issue in resolving the most important issue in our city, which is flooding. It should be at the top of the priority list. Developers are the biggest factor in flooding. They don't see the value in working together; they see the value in buying low-priced properties. 12 more acres of detention coming to Shell Property and 6 more acres at Spring Village Apts.

Company on Stage; 2024-2025 Season opening Oct. 4 and 5th. "When We Get Good Again." The Young Audience show is a mash-up called "Dorothy Meets Alice." Children's show is \$10 and the evening show costs \$20. There will be a 2:00 matinee of "When We Get Good Again" on Sunday.

Brian: Kudos to Cindy. Precinct 4 will host their Hispanic Heritage Festival and unveiling of Bayland Park Master Plan on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Will also have food trucks, mariachis, cultural performances and pet adoptions.

Cindy thanked everyone as outgoing president of Super Neighborhood 37. She also served as president of the Super Neighborhood Alliance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed. Sept 18, Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting 6PM—Meet & Greet 7PM—Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room. WCC Board Elections, food, door prizes, and more.

National Night Out: Tuesday, October 1

Platou Center- 5Pm (Flyer attached)

Westbury Community Garden- 6 PM

Next WAIC meeting: Oct 15

