



# Idylwood

*In Houston's Historic East End*

## Minutes of Meeting IDYLWOOD CIVIC CLUB

Spurlock Park  
September 20, 2022

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Diane Schenke at 7:35pm.
- b. ~30 Residence in attendance

### II. BUSINESS

#### a. INTRODUCTIONS:

- i. Diane Schenke (President) introduced the new Officers and Board of Directors and our special guests.

#### b. HALLOWEEN OPPORTUNITY:

- i. Diane introduced Ericka Lewis (Fairfield St). Ericka was raised in Idylwood, moved away and now has returned with her husband to raise her children.
- ii. Erika is spearheading a neighborhood Halloween Celebration on Saturday October 22, 2022.
  1. 5:00pm: Spooktacular Celebration to take place at Spurlock Park.
  2. 6:30pm: Optional Trick or Treating in the neighborhood.
- iii. Those interested in being visited by mini sized goblins and ghouls are encouraged to place the pumpkin sign that Erika will be distributing on your door.

#### c. TREES FOR HOUSTON:

- i. Trees for Houston is interested in helping Idylwood keep our streets shady. We regularly lose some of our beautiful trees to the weather and old age.
- ii. Patricia Hattenbach (Garden Club President) encouraged everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. But, to also be aware of the distance between each tree when planted to give opportunity to thrive to each tree.
- iii. Orders for trees will need to be turned in late November/early December for January planting.

#### d. COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT:

- i. Diane discussed the opportunity to sign up for a committee to get more involve with the neighborhood.
  1. Deed Restrictions
  2. Social Events
  3. Neighborhood Improvements.

#### e. SPECIAL GUESTS:

- i. Susana Castillo from Adrian Garcia's office; Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2
  1. Encouraged everyone to reach out on any issues.
  2. East End Area Public Safety Meeting on September 22, 2022 @ Magnolia Multiservice Center.
- ii. Christina Morales; State Representative District 145
  1. Asked everyone to check their voter status.
  2. Asked for thoughtful voting in the next elections. She stated that next legislative session in 2023 will be interesting and challenging.

3. Asked people to check her social media for opportunities to pick up Yard Signs.

iii. Joaquin Martinez; Council Member Robert Gallegos office

1. **Street Assessments** are in progress and encouraged everyone to organize and report issues/opportunities.
2. Update on the **Dog Run** on the corner of MacGregor and Lawndale. They are securing extra money and plan to 'move dirt' by the end of the year.
3. **Bike Lanes:**
  - a. One of the purposes of the bike lanes is to slow traffic up and down Lawndale as well as to provide safe biking lanes into downtown.
  - b. The Public Works is working on their final punch list. After this, they will review the plan and make needed recommendations.
  - c. When asked about broken glass, Joaquin said that the city is buying new equipment to clean the bike lanes. And, that they are committed to maintaining these lanes.
4. **Redistricting:** FYI: New maps that were redrawn moved the population size from ~180K residents to between 200K and 209K residents.
5. Patricia Hattenbach reminded Joaquin that the city is supposed to save our blue and white tile street signs when doing repairs.

iv. Captain Joe Alanis; Precinct 6 Harris County Constable's office

1. **Current response times** in our area are 2-5 minutes.
2. You can report an incident 24/7 at **(713)274-3400**. You can report on-line as well.
3. The office is open and available to tour Monday – Friday 8am to 4pm.
4. Captain Alanis let everyone know that they do '**Vacation Watches**' where you list the constable's office as your second number with your home security company.
5. Enjoy the Hike and Bike Trail but be responsible and keep your eyes open.

### III. AJOURNMENT:

- a. Diane Schenke (President) thanked everyone for coming. She let the group know that the next meeting would be at the Magnolia Multi-Service Center; 7037 Capitol St, Houston, TX 77011 on Tuesday October 18, 2022.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

DATED: 10/14/22

ATTEST:

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Diane Schenke; President

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Keith McCarthy; Vice President

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