



Idylwood

In Houston's Historic East End

Minutes of Meeting
Idylwood Civic Club Board of Directors
Magnolia Multiservice Center, 7037 Capitol St
March 21, 2023; 6:00pm

Called to Order: 6:34pm

Board Members in attendance: 10

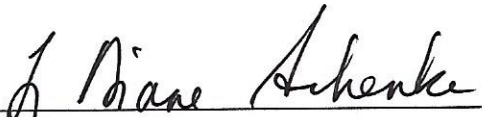
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diane Schenke, President | <input type="checkbox"/> Josh Espinedo | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Manion, Deed Restrictions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith McCarthy, VP | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith Hamm | Via Phone. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monique Studak, Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Hattenbach | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irma Niño, Social Events |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Wood, Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Klemm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlie Storer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beth Barrette | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Leggett | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Vella |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Dinn, Comm. Improvements | | |

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** Topics were led by Keith McCarthy in Diane Schenke's absence.
 - a. February Minutes of Board and Civic Club Meeting were voted upon.
 - i. Proposed by Monique Studak and seconded by Amy Dinn.
 - ii. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Neighborhood Directory:
 - i. Block captains have been active but need more time.
 - ii. **NEXT STEP:** Completion of data gathering pushed to Monday April 17th.
 - c. Home Tour/100 Anniversary Committee:
 - i. Patricia provided some ideas for committee members to pass onto the Chairman Mrs. Giesen:
 1. Courtney Barton
 2. Lori Coleman; Sylvan Rd
 - ii. Patricia recommended repurposing the website used for the 90th Anniversary for the 100th Anniversary. This could be passed on to a 'Web Chair' or the Communication Chair.
 - d. Idylwood T-shirts Update:
 - i. Keith has created, and has shared, a mockup design. Patricia had a color recommendation on some of the wording.
 - ii. **NEXT STEP:** Keith is going to source a supplier and come back to the board with pricing and recommendations.
 - e. April Meeting Plans—
 - i. Monique Studak offered up her home for both the board meeting and full Civic Club.
 - ii. **NEXT STEPS:**
 1. Look into changing the time due to daylight hours.
 2. Communicate with Doug Lawson to get into the newsletter.
2. **SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**—Irma Nino
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt (April 1st; 11am – 1pm)
 - i. Irma's committee has been very active in organizing the day's events. A banner promoting this event will be hung in Spurlock Park later this week.

- ii. The Garden Club will not have an official meeting and is encouraging their members to attend and help on Saturday April 1st.
 - b. **NEXT STEPS:** Irma is still in need of Set Up, Clean Up and Egg Hunting volunteers.
 - i. Sign Up is available on the website or by calling Irma directly.
3. **DEED RESTRICTION COMMITTEE REPORT—Laura Manion**
- a. The issue at hand is the need/desire to have the large plot of land on the top of the 6600 block of Sylvan zoned with a minimum lot size. Officially: LT 1, 2, 3, & 4 BLK 1 SYLWOOD PINES
 - i. This would not affect the use of the land for commercial verses residential. But it might influence the number and size of multi family housing that could be built as you cannot subdivide a minimum lot.
 - b. Amy Dinn has already begun the process and conversation with the city to file a Minimum Lot Size Application. This requires signatures from all the landowners on the North side of 6600 block of Sylvan and the owners on the South side of 6600 block of Sylvan above Maxwell Lane.
 - c. Obstacles:
 - i. This lot is not officially in Idylwood but is in Sylwood Pines.
 - ii. It could take as few as one objection by neighbors to stop the city planning committee to refuse the Minimum Lot Size Application.
 - iii. The city planning committee has the final say in this matter regardless of the desires of the neighbors.
 - d. **NEXT STEPS:**
 - i. **Amy Dinn** to continue to application process.
 - 1. Even if denied, it would be on record that we objected to big development.
 - ii. **Laura Manion** to draft a letter, and share with the board, addressed to the property owner asking them to meet with the board to discuss supporting the Minimum Lot Size Application.
 - 1. Irma Nino proposed this action, Laura Manion seconded. The vote was unanimous.
4. **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT—Amy Dinn**
- a. Neighborhood Beautification Event – April 15th; 9am meet up at Spurlock Park.
 - i. Focus will be on Storm Drain clean out, Spurlock Park refresh and cleaning up the lot on MacGreggor and Sylvan.
 - b. The committee has been working on applications for sidewalk repair and additional lighting.
 - i. Lighting request for MacGreggor and Sylvan has been presented to the city. However, they are behind on applications, and it could take a year to fill the request.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT—Nicole Wood**
- a. Dues have reached a level of ~38% participation. Nicole believes having the block captains out gathering Neighborhood Directory information has had in impact in increasing the numbers.
 - b. Current Civic Club balance, including CD’s, is \$4,300.63
6. **OTHER INFORMATION AND PARKING LOT ITEMS:**
- a. Patricia brought up that Bellaire has ‘Light Washing’ restrictions that limit the amount of light that one neighbor can flood into another neighbor’s property.
 - i. **The Question:** Does the city of Houston have such a policy/restriction?
 - b. Laura made the board aware of the proposed Metro overpass in the East End. METRO is planning to build a large bridge **just** for its buses to get over the railroad tracks. The overpass would stretch from McKinney Street to Brady Street. The East End residence response appears to be mostly negative.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25. Respectfully submitted by Monique G. Studak.

ATTEST:



Diane Schenke; President



Keith McCarthy; Vice President