



Idylwood
In Houston's Historic East End

Minutes of Meeting

IDYLWOOD CIVIC CLUB

Magnolia Multiservice Center, 7037 Capitol St

March 21, 2023; 7:30pm

Called to Order: 7:30pm

Board Members in attendance: 8

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

7 Other Civic Club Members in Attendance (see attached sign-in sheets)

1. WELCOME; Keith McCarthy, Vice President

- a. Keith shared the Board's appreciation of the input from Civic Club members last month. You will be hearing regular updates on committee activities going forward.
- b. Keith passed on apologies to those who came for the Destination Trail follow-up. Celina has just informed us that "Destination Trail is moving forward under a new direction from Harris County. As such, the project owners are taking a moment to review and organize their plans. Until then, please email destinationtrail@harriscounty.gov with additional questions or concerns." She also provided the corrected website address, which is www.thedestinationtrail.com/engage.

2. FEATURED SPEAKER:

- a. Council Member Mike Knox was scheduled to speak to the group but was unable to attend.

3. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

a. Social Events: Irma Niño

i. Easter Event

1. April 1st @ Spurlock Park
2. 11am – 1pm

- ii. Volunteers are still needed. Sign up is available on the website or by calling Irma directly.

b. Community Improvements: Amy Dinn

i. Neighborhood Beautification Event – April 15th; 9am meet up at Spurlock Park.

1. Focus will be on Storm Drain clean out, Spurlock Park refresh and cleaning up the lot on MacGreggor and Sylvan.

- ii. The committee has been working on applications for sidewalk repair and additional lighting.

c. DEED RESTRICTIONS: Jeff Klemm & Monique Studak

- i. The group was updated on the efforts concerning the lot for sale at the top of Sylvan Road. Officially: LT 1, 2, 3, & 4 BLK 1 SYLWOOD PINES. The board is working to have Minimum Lot Sizes placed on the property.
 - 1. Obstacles:
 - a. This lot is not officially in Idylwood but is in Sylwood Pines.
 - b. It could take as few as one objection by neighbors to stop the city planning committee to refuse the Minimum Lot Size Application.
 - c. The city planning committee has the final say in this matter regardless of the desires of the neighbors.

d. COMMENTS

- i. Jimmy Graves asked about the state of our “Deed Restriction” signs. He pointed out the sign at the bottom of Park at MacGreggor is broken in half.
 - 1. Jimmy also recommended the use of QR Codes on our signs that lead to our Deed Restrictions.
 - 2. **NEXT STEP:** The signs need to reviewed and a plan created to address.
- ii. Patricia Hattenbach reminded everyone that block captains are out walking and knocking on doors to gather directory information. Please participate and encourage your neighbors to do so.

4. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS

a. Harris County Precinct 6: Sergeant Lebritton Wingard, K-9 Division & Captain Joe Alanis, Assistant Chief Deputy for Silvia Trevino

- i. Sgt Wingard reviewed current statistics for Precinct 6. These include the numbers of calls they were involved in, such as Business Checks (81), Firearm Calls (13), Neighborhood Checks (80), Suspicious Person (64).
 - 1. Reminder Precinct 6 goes from Cavalcade in the North to Telephone & Bedford in the South. East to Manchester and West to EDO
- ii. He reminded the group that individuals can register online for a Vacation Watch over their home. <https://constablesilviatrevino.com/neighborhood-watch-request-form/>
- iii. Sgt. Wingard also invited everyone to attend their Chili Cook Off:
 - 1. Saturday March 26th; Noon – 4pm
 - 2. American Legion Harrisburg Post 472 – Details can be found on-line.

b. HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE #5; SALLIE ALCORN

- i. Sallie addressed the group, introducing her husband George and pointing out that her nephew and his family live in Idylwood.
- ii. Sallie is the chair of the Regulatory and Neighborhood Affairs Committee, she also represents the city on regional issues as a board member of the Houston-Galveston Area Council and an alternate on the region’s Transportation Policy Council.
- iii. She was asked questions about:
 - 1. Conservation Districts which she referred to as “Historic Lite” districts. They are to help neighborhoods that may not be well organized to protect their essence thru things like deed restrictions. There are 19 elements including set back standards and building heights. This requires 50% plus 1 vote of property owners to be implemented.

c. **HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT: Sgt. Javier Tapia**

- i. Sgt. Tapia updated the group on crime in the area. Pointed out that non-violent crime has had an uptick, while violent crime has shown a decrease. Exception on violent crime includes aggravated assault and sex crimes, however both categories were among known acquaintances and not stranger on stranger crime.
 1. He did point out that Idylwood is considered a safe area within their area.
- ii. Sgt. Tapia also outlined the departments "March on Crime" initiative for the month of March. Elements include:
 1. Don't be a Victim of Road Rage
 - a. Never drive home if someone starts to follow you, find a police or fire department if possible.
 2. Surviving Domestic Violence
 - a. Be on the lookout.
 3. Preventing Violence and Firearm Theft:
 - a. Be aware of your surroundings, especially at night or near ATM machines.
 - b. Don't leave your firearm in the car to be stolen.
 - c. Be willing to deescalate a situation by walking away.

d. **HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER (ADRIAN GARCIA); Susana Castillo**, Community Liaison

- i. Susana shared information about internship program with Commissioner Garcia's office.
 1. Details on the attached flier.

e. **CITY OF HOUSTON DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS**; Jesse Carballo, Community Liaison

- i. Jesse made the group aware of "Coffee & Conversation" meeting on March 28th @ 10am. This is an opportunity is organized by **Neighborhood Recovery Community Development Corporation (NRCDC)** to virtually meet with various City of Houston Department Representatives in an informal setting and have a conversation over a cup of coffee...or tea. Voice and discuss your neighborhood concerns and talk about how the City of Houston can work together WITH the community to improve the City's neighborhoods.
 1. If interested, please register @ <https://nrcdchouston.org/product-tag/coffee/> or call (346)339-1088

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. Respectfully submitted Monique G. Studak