



# Idylwood

In Houston's Historic East End

## Minutes of Meeting IDYLWOOD CIVIC CLUB

Home of Mr./Mrs. Studak; 6720 Sylvan Road

April 18, 2023; 7:00pm

Called to Order: 7:05pm

### Board Members in attendance: 14

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Schenke, President  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Dinn, Comm. Improvements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Leggett                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith McCarthy, VP        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Espinedo                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Manion, Deed Restrictions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monique Studak, Secretary | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Barrette             | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Klemm                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Vella                   |

20 Other Civic Club Members in Attendance (see attached sign-in sheets) = **34 Total**

### 1. WELCOME; Diane Schenke, President

- a. March and April were amazing months for us as a Civic Club. We had an Easter Egg Hunt, worked with HCFCD to plant 180 trees, and did a neighborhood cleanup. These projects were all made possible by increased committee activity and neighborhood enthusiastic support.
- b. Diane asked Monique to review the meeting format ideas that had been discussed in the Board Meeting:
  1. Odd Months: (Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov)
    - a. The meeting will host a speaker and the members of the various law enforcement agencies and pollical offices will provide short updates.
    - b. Committee Chairman will provide any updates as needed.
  2. Even Months: (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct)
    - a. Meeting will start with brief update from the President followed by working committee meetings.
  3. June, July and August meetings to be held in Spurlock Park &/or in a neighbor's home.
  4. September 2023 will be a Candidates Forum
- c. *The feedback was positive on these ideas.*

### 2. FEATURED SPEAKER:

1. Council Member Robert Gallegos was not able to join us, but Joaquin Martinez his Chief of Staff addressed the group:
  - i. Dog Park is due to break ground in the next 30-60 days.
  - ii. Joaquin let us know that he is running for City Council and will be at our September Candidate Forum.

### 3. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- a. **Social Events:** Irma Niño
  - i. Irma shared the success of the Easter Egg hunt and Thanked all of the volunteers and those who baked goodies.

**b. Community Improvements:** Amy Dinn

- i. Amy thanked all those that came out for the Clean Up day on 4.15.23. 15 bags of trash were collected by 10+ volunteers over 1.5 hours.

**c. DEED RESTRICTIONS:** Laura

**4. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

**a. Harris County Precinct 6:** Sgt.

- i. Reminded the group that individuals can register online for a Vacation Watch over their home. <https://constablesilviatrevino.com/neighborhood-watch-request-form/>
- ii. Invited anyone interested in coming out to take a tour of their offices.

**b. 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.
  - a. He did point out that Idylwood is considered a safe area within their area.
- ii. Sgt. Tapia also revisited 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.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Neighborly fellowship continued after the meeting until past dark.

Respectfully submitted Monique G. Studak