

Minutes - Lazybrook Civic Club of Houston Regular Meeting

Sep 24, 2024: Meeting Held in-person at LifeBrook Church w/ Teams Broadcast

Meeting Call to order – 7:01pm – Kurt Swafford

Special Guests/Presentations

- Update(s) from COH District C Office
 - Anna Smith (CM Kamin's office) -
 - Storm debris pickup update – 2nd pass has been completed; If you still have storm debris, please email the office your address or block location so they can escalate that to Solid Waste
 - Hurricane Beryl – downed and leaning poles as well as dangling lines remain throughout the City so call CenterPoint to report these at 713.207.2222.
 - District C Tree Care and Sustainability meetings held in August related to the derecho and hurricane – if you missed the meetings, they are recorded and posted along with slides on houstontx.gov website for District C
 - Annual Families with Pride celebration was cx'd in June due to weather but has been rescheduled for 10/26 8:30 – 11:30am at Discovery Green – family friendly event with games and activities
 - Sign up for newsletter and alerts on website
 - Question about delay in typical yard waste pickup – recommend to file 311 report; if you have already then send CM Kamin's office the report # so they can escalate it to Solid Waste

Introduction/Roll Call & Welcome New Attendees

Meeting Minutes: Last Meeting – May 28, 2024 (in-person + online) – posted to website- approved unanimously

Announcements/ Events

- National Night Out 2024 - Coming Tues October 1 – Salford cul de sac 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Constable Patrol 2025 Sign Ups are Live – visit www.lazybrook.org/constable for sign up and payment options – contract runs October 2024 – 2025; rates have remained the same

Officer & Committee Reports:

President's Update & SNC-14 Report – Kurt Swafford

- Harris Cty Pct 4 has community plan process in place that includes our area --- “Inner Northwest” -- over next 8mo expect surveys, engagement etc... to shape a plan
 - <https://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Inner-Northwest>

Membership – Emily Friedman

- Currently at ~49% of houses paid for 2024

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Ofsowitz

- We are about \$700 under budget for dues
- We are above routine lawn care expenses due to the pickup after the derecho but we are under budget for the esplanade sign clean up as some work as not yet been completed
- Overall, slightly under budget for the month/year but generally on-target for the year

Deed Restrictions Enforcement – Kurt Swafford -

- Update on 2411 W TC Jester Enforcement – Sep 24th Hearing – owner is now held in contempt of court and has been given 3 months to make a good faith attempt to submit plans to bring his house into compliance

Beautification – Kurt Swafford – no updates

Security/COP – Joel DuBois

- COP Hours looking good for this year --- thanks volunteers!
- In the past month there has been 1 residential theft and 3 burglaries of vehicles in the neighborhood; about 25 vehicle thefts along 18th St in the apartments and businesses – be aware and keep your belongings hidden if you park in your driveway or on the street

Open Forum – Questions & Discussion

- City appraisers for HCAD are going around the neighborhood to measure the exterior of people's homes and may ask to be allowed in your backyard to complete the measurements – you can deny them access if you want and they will estimate as needed
- Question asked about a secondary dwelling/accessory unit on a property – this is allowed within limits in certain sections but these are now allowed to be rented out separately
- There will be a Halloween decorating contest so watch for social media and emails
- If there are homes that seem unoccupied, are a health/safety concern, and/or in states of disrepair, call 311
- City Council is addressing AirBnB concerns for the City as a whole; Each section can work on amending deed restrictions on short-term rentals with a majority of home/lot owners within the section voting to approve; Question raised about whether these are actually businesses operating illegally in the neighborhood – Kurt will check with our attorney
- Tattenhall update – have submitted revised plans to the architectural review cte and have been approved now

Next Lazybrook Civic Club Meeting - Tuesday December 3, 2024

Adjournment – 8:04 pm