

Meeting Minutes
Lazybrook Civic Club of Houston
Jan 24, 2023

Meeting Call to order – 7:06 pm; 35 members present, representing quorum per Bylaws

Meeting Minutes: Last Meeting – Nov 29, 2022 (in-person) – posted to website (<https://www.lazybrook.org/meeting-minutes/>) after last meeting – approved.

Introduction/Roll Call:

- New members present: (1) Bob and Caroline, Tannehill; (2) Travis and Doug, Willowby; (3) Marie, Haverhill; and (4) Keith and Joan, Seaspray Ct.

Announcements/ Events

- District C Update – Kurt Swafford (representative of Abbie Kamin’s office unable to attend due to weather)
 - Annual Report: District C annual report is available online and includes mention of road repairs in the area.
 - Drainage: Residents are encouraged to report drainage concerns using 311. Public Works uses 311 data to allocate resources. The more reporting we do, the more attention we will draw.
 - Waste Management: The continued delay in yard waste and recycle pickups is on City Council’s radar. They know they are behind and are working on solutions, but no concrete answers yet. 77008 zip code is being skipped on all holidays, adding to frustration.
- Litter pick-up – Kurt Swafford
 - Working to schedule a litter pickup sometime in February or March at TC Jester Park before bluebonnets bloom. Date is to be determined.

Officer & Committee Reports:

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

- Precinct 4 Road Construction
 - Crews are still working in the area to repair roads and install sidewalk ramps. Much of the heavy lifting for the areas north of 18th Street in Lazybrook is done, but there is still more to do, including Lazybrook drive, areas west of Millwood, and areas south of 18th.
 - In some places where ponding is an issue but concrete is in relatively good condition, County contractor has inserted foam under the road to lift the concrete panel to improve drainage.
 - For now, our new Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones has kept the same project manager.
- TIRZ12 – Stormwater survey
 - Stormwater survey has been completed. Copy is available online at www.tirz12.org.
 - In Lazybrook, two problem areas are identified: (1) Widdicomb/Seamist double cul-de-sac and (2) Salford/Locksford/Tattenhall. In both areas, the drains are undersized. Proposed solution for Widdicomb/Seamist is larger drain line size. Proposed solution for Salford/Locksford/Tattenhall is underground detention.
 - About \$90 million in projects proposed, mostly in Timbergrove. There is no funding yet for proposed projects in Lazybrook. Lazybrook is not included within the TIRZ12 boundary, so another source of funding will be required.
 - This is a long-term project, likely 5 to 10 years out, but public meetings may be scheduled in the next few months.
- Turkey Gulley
 - Another 5- to 10-year project aiming to improve drainage to White Oak Bayou. Project would require revamp of the 4-way stop at 18th Street and E. T.C. Jester.

Membership – Kurt Swafford (Shelley White taking minutes)

- We made our 60% membership goal for 2022.
- But it is a new year and time to pay dues for 2023. Please remember dues have increased this year to \$60 or

\$40 for neighbors age 65+.

- If you have questions about whether you've paid, please email Shelley White at: membership@lazybrook.org.

Block Captains – Nicole Fuhrmann

- We need block captains for Sea King and 1600 Block of Haverhill. Block captains put signs out reminding neighbors of civic club meetings and membership drives and distribute newsletters and flyers. There is no requirement to host block parties. To volunteer, please reach out to Nicole Fuhrmann: blockcaptain@lazybrook.org.

Treasurer's Report – Kurt Swafford (Treasurer Jennifer Ofsowitz not present)

- The civic club ended 2022 \$9800 in the red because of about \$13,000 in catch-up spending on beautification projects. Those are not annual expenses; they are more long-term. We are in good shape balance-sheet wise and still have sufficient savings. 2022 was a good year financially thanks to higher participation in the civic club and many neighbors who stepped up to make additional contributions to the general fund.

Deed Restrictions Enforcement – Kurt Swafford

- All recent applications have been approved.
- City is pursuing a contempt action against the owner of the 2-story house at 2411 W. T. C. Jester. Homeowner is not complying with court order to remove the second story that violates deed restrictions.

Beautification – Kurt Swafford (Chair Jessica Swafford not present)

- Refresh of esplanade sign landscaping is coming.
- Working on a longer-term plan for esplanade tree planting.

Communications/Newsletter – Kurt Swafford (Chair Jessica Swafford not present)

- January was the last multi-page newsletter. Moving to a new, simplified format with the March issue. It will be a shorter, single-page flyer. We will work with advertisers to cover the shorter newsletter. But more of the focus will be on email and website communications.

Security/COP – Joel DuBois

- Make sure all incidents in the neighborhood are being reported to police. Reports add to statistics. Statistics determine patrols.
- All citizen patrol hours have been completed by 2 volunteers. Waiting for HPD to schedule training for 6 new, volunteer citizen patrollers. Communication has been lacking.

New Business:

2023 Mosquito Spraying Program – Discussion and Vote

- Motion to suspend mosquito spraying program. To pass, motion requires 2/3 vote this date to suspend program.
- Discussions: concerns raised regarding cost and effectiveness of mosquito spraying, lack of consistency in spraying schedule that prevents neighbors from knowing when to cover plants or avoid people and pets going outside, harmful effects on pollinators, and whether it is still desirable to spray at all.
- Committee is being formed to explore alternatives for spray schedule, vendor, method, and frequency. Fernando Luna will chair the committee with 2 additional volunteers from the meeting.
- Vote: Motion did not pass.
 - 27 votes to suspend the program (23 present and 4 proxy votes)
 - 20 votes to continue the program (12 present and 8 proxy votes)
 - No abstentions

AT&T 5G installation is currently working to install 5G throughout the neighborhood.
Installation includes new light poles at certain locations.

Adjournment – 8:29 pm

LAZYBROOK CIVIC CLUB – REGULAR MEETING

Date

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Place/Room:

LifeBrook Church

	Name	Lazybrook Address	Paid 2022 Dues?
1	Kurt Swafford	2115 Widdicomb	(Y) N
2	Marie Hordan	1715 Haverhill Dr	(Y) N
3	Josh Chaffin	2110 Seemist Ct	(Y) N
4	Shelley White	1847 Mill Creek	(X) N
5	MARK ESTOPINAL	2111 LAZYBROOK DR	(Y) N
6	JENNY ESTOPINAL	2111 LAZYBROOK DR	(Y) N
7	Lesa Dube	2403 W.T.C. Jester	(Y) N
8	Pat Koteras	1806 Crystal Ct	(Y) N
9	Mark Dube	2403 W.T.C. Jester	(Y) N
10	TRAVIS FOSTER	1711 Willowby	(Y) N
11	DOUG FR-IE	11	(Y) N
12	MARK ASH	2015 WIDDICOMB	(Y) N
13	Scott Friedman	2451 Brookmore	(Y) N
14	GAIL SABANASHI	2311 LAZYBROOK ST	(Y) N
15	ED Taylor	2015 Seemist Ct	(Y) N
16	Renee Taylor	11	(Y) N
17	Peggy Markowski	1806 Greengrass Ct.	(Y) N
18	Steve Yarbrough	1811 Greengrass CT	(Y) N
19	Marc Cogle	2110 Millwood	(Y) N

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20	Leon Benavides	1811 Greengrass Ct	(Y) N
21	Keith & Jan Larson	1816 SENSORY Ct	(Y) N
22	Heather Fedun	1831 Seavist Ct	(Y) N
23	Caroline Freeman	1715 Tannehill	(Y) N
24	Bob Padon	1715 Tannehill	(Y) N
25	JOE DUBOIS	2435 BROOKTREE	(Y) N
26	Nicole Enmann	2013 LITEX St	(Y) N
27	Barbara Lewis	2410 Brooktree	(Y) N
28	Kayla Grill	2010 Millwood	(Y) N
29	Monica Diehl	1802 Crystal Ct	(Y) N
30	Erin Hoffman	2210 Brooktree Dr	(Y) N
31	Fernando Lima	2415 Brookmere Dr	(Y) N
32	Chuck Custard	1802 Millwood	(Y) N
33	Heber Broese	1815 Tannehill DR	(Y) N
34	Mark Seegle	1723 Haverhill Dr	(Y) N
35	Gerrea Seegle	" "	(Y) N
36	Ann Zellar	1810 Widdicombe	Y (N)
37	James Terenzi	1815 Locksford St	(Y) N
38			Y/N