

Lazybrook Civic Club  
Lifebrook Church & Online  
March 28, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm – Kurt Swafford; 33 members in attendance

Approval of minutes from previous meeting held 1/24/23 – approved unanimously without objection

Introductions – Kurt Swafford

Introductions of members attending for the first time: 1818 Willowmoss; 2305 Lazybrook

Announcements

- 4/1/23 – Timbergrove Manor Easter Egg Hunt at Sinclair 3-5pm with hunt at 3:30pm
- 4/25/23 – 6:30pm at Sinclair Elementary School and on Zoom - Joint Security meeting with Timbergrove Manor Civic Club– Constable Patrol Presentation
  - o Evaluating benefits of cost-sharing across our 2 neighborhoods as well as 18<sup>th</sup> St. businesses

Office of Councilmember Kamin Update – Yucari Ramirez

- Attended the recent neighborhood litter cleanup
- Councilmember Kamin attended recent SN14 tour with SN14, Lazybrook, Commissioner Leslie Briones
- Planning dept evaluation options for small lot development through 4/16/23 through <https://www.letstalkhouston.org/> website – “Livable Places Committee”
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President Update - Kurt

- LCC litter pick up was 3/4/23 – went well and COH picked up the collected waste
- SN14 joint effort with Precinct 4 – Recently, hosted a tour with Commissioner Briones and Councilmember Kamin around the neighborhoods to highlight challenges in infrastructure (e.g., safe walkways, connections between areas) as warehouse area is purchased/developed.
  - o Discussed a plan for mixed use hike/bike trail to connect areas around Sinclair Elementary School (e.g., connect T.C. Jester down to Jaycee Park) using the CenterPoint easements as primary path
    - Proposal for Precinct 4 to fund joint w/ TXDOT federal funds
    - These are all part of master COH Bike Plans
- Road construction
  - o There is a new project manager for the County– Gabriel Velasquez – email [gvelasquez@hcp4.net](mailto:gvelasquez@hcp4.net), 713-274-4093
  - o Sidewalks and ramps are mostly completed, a few loose ends to be tied up
  - o Lazybrook Dr. is the last major portion and will include replacement of concrete and asphalt on top (per maintenance agreement between county and City of Houston)
  - o If there are any problems with completed work, please take a picture and email Gabriel Velasquez ([gvelasquez@hcp4.net](mailto:gvelasquez@hcp4.net),) with a description of the problem and your address
    - Do not report any problems to 311 which is run by City of Houston
- The Foodarama property has not sold
  - o Baker Katz is “committed to the property”
  - o Without the ability to sell the adjacent building/property at the corner, the larger property will have problems being sold
    - The old Citgo is planning to be renovated and will remain

- Papa Geno's has 4 more years on their lease and so are not moving

#### Membership – Shelley

- We are at 24% of dues paid (goal is 60% of homes to pay dues for the year)
- Membership drive will be held in April
- Please pay your dues! <https://www.lazybrook.org/membership/>

#### Block Captains

- Need Sea King and Haverhill block captains
- For more information: <https://www.lazybrook.org/block-captain/>

#### Treasurer – Jennifer/Kurt

- EC approved annual budget to include \$1400 for esplanade maintenance and annual pruning of trees
- Continue to work on membership
- Budget is about \$18000 for the year

#### Beautification - Kurt

- Stump grinding is complete near “Spaghetti Western” sign
- Early March completed new plantings, cleanup, and mulching
- New signs are being repaired by JDM (original vendor) due to some warping due to improper mounting of the HDU material, should be back installed soon
- Possible new projects – additional plantings in esplanade on T.C. Jester near Brooktree; signs, etc. being considered for other entrances
- TXDOT will not pay for water on esplanade near 610 anymore – good news is that COH is going to now take over the water payments so we can keep the irrigation system on the esplanade, which includes our Lazybrook Sign bed

#### Architectural – Erin/Kurt

- No new deed restrictions updates
- Questions r.e. construction at Salford cul de sac (near 18<sup>th</sup>) – that section allows 1.5 story construction and it was approved last fall with application
- For more information: <https://www.lazybrook.org/deed-restrictions/>

#### Communications – Jessica

- New newsletter format started this month
  - We will add an extra newsletter in July because we can now add ad revenue due to decreased printing costs
- We will rely more on the website for more complete information (<https://www.lazybrook.org/>)
  - Posts will appear in order by date on the homepage
- Make sure to get on the email list for additional updates: <https://www.lazybrook.org/emails>

#### Security – Joel

- Haverhill – burglary in early February
- Other events nearby (not in Lazybrook)
  - Double murder, auto thefts, break-ins
- Citizens On Patrol program
  - At the end of February we had 8 new people trained!
  - COH charges \$300/sign so we may look for other options

- Exploring patrol security services (would be joint effort with TMCC)
  - o Often costs \$200 – \$350/household to enroll assuming about 20-40% participation in the neighborhood
    - Only participating homes would be able to call for help
    - Would not be 24/7
  - o Lazybrook did previously use private security via Constable but found that they were not patrolling inside the neighborhood so moved to the COPs program
  - o Timbergrove used SEAL previously and had less than 30% participation
- For more information: <https://www.lazybrook.org/citizen-patrol/>

#### Mosquito Program – Fernando ([mosquito@lazybrook.org](mailto:mosquito@lazybrook.org))

- Moving to larvicide treatment in each of the storm drains as opposed to fogging
- See website for more information: <https://www.lazybrook.org/2023/03/29/mosquito-spraying-program-plan-2023/>
- 30 day treatment effectiveness
- Costs about ½ as much as previous program saving roughly \$2000/yr
- Will start in April

#### New Business

- Concern about homeless person staying in an area near the bayou (where Lazybrook ends into TC Jester at the pump station)
  - o Can call “DRT” team from HPD for assistance in encouraging him to move
  - o Can also call HPD non-emergency r.e. a litter/dumping concern (713) 884-3131

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm