

Minutes of the Lazybrook Civic Club of Houston Regular Meeting

Mar 26, 2024: Meeting Held in-person at LifeBrook Church w/ Teams Broadcast

Meeting Call to order – 7:03pm

Meeting Minutes: Last Meeting – Jan 23, 2024 (in-person + online) – posted to website – approved unanimously

Introduction/Roll Call & Welcome New Attendees

Welcome!

Special Guests/Presentations

- Update(s) from COH District C Office – [Yucari Ramirez](#), Director of Constituent Services
 - First quarter report is [online](#)
 - Office is distributing gun safes

Announcements/ Events – Kurt Swafford

- Thanks to those who supported our litter pick up on Feb 24 – COH picked up debris the following week
- New COP sign installation and removal of old security signs project is almost completed – thanks to the volunteers in the neighborhood helping!
- Mosquito spraying has started – Cypress Creek Contract signed (Mar 15- Nov 15)
- Easter egg hunt with TMCC was last weekend and was successful

Officer & Committee Reports:

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

- TIRZ 12 – Initial Mobility Plan unveiled March 5 at public meeting
 - View what was presented online---includes Ella revamp, trail network proposals, etc..
 - <https://engagetirz12.mysocialpinpoint.com>
- Seamist Dr Improvement Project Update (Road Repairs, Underground Detention 11th to Kury Ln.)
 - Design phase to begin soon (~18 mos design phase), construction to start in +/- 1.5 year (~18 months of construction anticipated), paid for by HC Pct 4 grant
- City of Houston Public Works (Dist C Funded) – no news on traffic management plan Ella @ Sinclair ES

Membership – Shelley White

- Seeking new volunteer for Membership Chair position – please help out! (Shelley is transitioning to Block Captain role)
 - Role includes collecting checks from PO Box at Oak Forest PO, depositing things at the bank, and updating spreadsheet – this could be shared amongst a few people!
- We are currently behind on dues collection – membership drive next month will include a gift certificate for anyone who has paid their dues by April 30!

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Ofsowitz

- As of end of February 2024, we were about \$4000 under budget for dues collected; costs for lawn services have increased slightly
- Jennifer already tracks the PayPal payments of dues to update the spreadsheet for financial updates

Deed Restrictions Enforcement – Erin Hoffman

- There have been a few new applications that have been approved
- Update on 2411 W TC Jester enforcement – owner is violating a court order by not removing the second story that is in violation of the deed restriction; house was listed for sale this week

Beautification – Jessica Swafford

- Esplanade tree planting capital improvement project – W TC Jester between Brooktree/Lazybrook Dr
 - Meter/Irrigation Install – waiting on a permit that should come soon and then the install be completed within the following few weeks
 - For any concerns about other areas of the esplanade with dead trees, etc., call 311

Security/COP – Joel DuBois

- A few vehicle thefts of cars parked in driveways
- If you do park in the driveway, do not leave your garage opener in the vehicle!
- Constable patrol and COP patrols are helpful but please continue to be careful & vigilant

Open Forum – Questions & Discussion

- The TIRZ12 study & planning
 - Largely will not impact us – the current plan administrator is not intending to spend money in our area as it is outside of the boundaries of the TIRZ; however, the study boundaries include us because we are adjacent to the covered area
 - Possible ideas (TIRZ 12 won't pay for these but we can work on other funding sources to help cover our area while the larger project is being completed):
 - Placing sidewalks in adjacent areas but technically won't be within the bounds of our neighborhood
 - Millwood and Salford (South of 18th) being designated as multimodal corridors/safe streets
 - Pedestrian bridges to connect Lazybrook to White Oak Bayou via safe crossings on W TC Jester and 18th Street.
 - April 11 will be next SN14 meeting and TMCC is inviting TIRZ12 there to continue with engagement and encourage listening to residents' input
- Update from Commissioner Briones' office – Sandra Puente
 - They will be doing more studies in partnership with LISC r.e. community building and planning – the project will include everything from Lazybrook through Spring Branch – there will be a series of community meetings, planning meetings, etc.
 - The Commissioner is looking for a space to build a park and community center in this area
 - Comment period for [Inner Katy Corridor project](#) has been extended to May 1 – expansion of I-10 may impact Ella and TC Jester

Next Lazybrook Civic Club Meeting - Tuesday May 28, 2024 (last meeting before summer break)

Adjournment – 8:10pm