

**NEARTOWN ASSOCIATION (NTA) MEETING**  
**Cherryhurst Community Center, Tuesday October 22, 2002**  
**Minutes**

NTA President, Ed Gonzales, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ed reported that NTA has a working balance of \$1,516. \$119 was used to purchase 3 Polaroid cameras for the HPD Storefront.

**Announcements and upcoming meetings-**

1. Cherryhurst Park will hold a party on Halloween night.
2. Westmoreland 100-year celebration was announced for Sunday, Nov. 3.
3. A new business was introduced, Krafts'men baking, on Montrose near the Black Labrador. The bakery supplied bread for the meeting.
4. The NTA-Midtown Freeway Spur Task Force continues to have meetings every Thursday at 9:00 am at the Downtown Management District Office.

**Scheduled topics -**

2003 NTA Officers:

The slate of was read, moved for approval and approved by voice vote:

President	Raju Adwaney
VP	Jack Rose
Secretary	Dana Padgett
Treasurer	Ed Gonzales

NTA-Midtown Freeway Spur Task Force:

Mike Mark (Task Force, Co-Chairman, [texdogdoc@aol.com](mailto:texdogdoc@aol.com)) reported that Midtown has contracted Barry Goodman (Transportation Expert) and Jim Blackman (Attorney) to begin the process of formulating a plan. A plan could exist within a month.

TXDOT and others are expending considerable effort to help mitigate traffic problems due to the spur. The plans include keeping an outbound lane open on the Spur during construction, overlaying Westheimer from Bagby to Loop-610 and changing stop light patterns on Richmond. Both the S. Main and Polk street exits to Downtown will be open before any part of the Spur is removed.

Debra Danburg was introduced and promised to gather input from the community "at every step of the way."

CIP and Bar Problems - Ada Edwards:

Ms. Edwards reported that the CIP planning process needs to start in November and presented a proposal for a district level "Planning Council." This council is planned to be formed in January, 2003.

Ms. Edwards stated that the "Nuisance Ordinance" needs community support.

A discussion proceeded between residents near the Tavern on West Gray and its owner, Charlie Watkins. A separate discussion followed between residents near EJ's and its owner, Ed Moninger. In both cases, residents voiced concerns over incidents involving patrons, vulgarity, litter and parking. Ms. Edwards agreed to host a meeting between interested residents and the owners at a later date.

**Civic Association Reports-** No reports were given due to a time constraint.

The meeting was adjourned.  
Recorded by, Mike Padgett