

Minutes of Neartown Association

January 27, 2009, Tuesday

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Pres. David Robinson

17 in attendance

Councilmember for District D Wanda Adams was there, and gave the presentation Words of appreciation for David, and for Neartown Kris Banks is gone, but will come back to train new people, and for occasional help Matalla Edie (sp?) is new on staff. She is particularly helpful 'cause she is bilingual. Jeron Rabin is new on staff. CIP meetings are coming up. Some projects are delayed due to expenses due to Hurricane Ike, but none have been canceled - if it was approved, it will be done. Sometime. There will be a CIP how-to meeting Feb 12, Thurs, at Jetson Robinson (sp?) Community Center on Hermann Drive Even tho HPD says "crime is down," Wanda says there has been an increase in crimes like burglary. She asked Chief Hurt to host a series of dialogues in a townhall forum Ours will be April 23 or thereabouts, at St. Stephens Church or Wharton Elementary David said he'll work with Off. Pate and the PIP members to get HPD representation at the meeting Kris Banks is a candidate for Grand Marshall for the Pride Parade Wanda sends out a monthly newsletter, and a quarterly mass-mailing

Jaron introduced himself.
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Debbie Dillard has moved on (working for the county) Nathan is our prime liasion in the Planning Department, as Donald Perkins, who is still in Planning, is no longer our liasion.

We went around the room and introduced ourselves, including civic assn boundaries Carolyn talked about "Do 1 Thing" at Covenant House Feb 14 Nathan talked about CIP & other issues Feb 12 is deadline for CIPs David stressed need for us to find CIP needs and also resend SNAP requests to verify their status w/city

Mark Johnson gave treasurer's report (check report for accurate figures) \$7,555.18 bank balance \$4029.58 balance collected for dog park (Erwin Chew) \$1646.00 needs to be reimbursed for several years' worth of poop bags in the park A motion for that reimbursement was tabled until we can review it. Report on Community Development Forum, w/ pics will soon be on Neartown website Discussion re e-mail accounts with a more logical name, for NT prez. David updated on Neartown Development Forum, David, Kay, and Mark are working on it documenting concerns of neighborhood "Dream big, think of what's appropriate for NT, observe trends."

Urban Land Institute, an international organization, is coming on April 5 or 6, or maybe both days, with professionals from all over the U.S. intense design session for Houston and NT Focus on intersection of Montrose & Westheimer along with Blueprint Houston SNAP & CIP deadlines were

pushed up this year which means many of us went past them without knowing it CIP deadline is maybe coming up in Feb. But David has a trick up his sleeve that may work to get our requests in Send SNAP requests to Nathan and David Nathan.Kraus@cityofhouston.net Robert gave the PIP report. Thanks for our support in '08 Named new officers Announced PIP meeting tomorrow

Adjourned at 8:12

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Young,

Secretary