

# Neartown Meeting Minutes

**February 24, 2009**

- Begin at 7:05 pm
- 21 in attendance

## Introductions

- Jonathan \_\_\_?\_\_\_ talked about a design guide available on the Heights website, the COH website, and for sale from the Heights Assn. for \$30.
- There are 12-13 Historic Districts in Houston, with more waiting for approval.
- This guide will hopefully help preserve the historic charm of the Heights district, by providing guidelines for developers and homeowners
- Not obligatory, but discretionary to comply
- This is the first one, funded by the COH to the tune of \$20,000. More will hopefully be researched and written, for other Hist. Dists.
- It contains a history of the Heights, identifying characteristics of types of homes common in the Heights, set backs, appropriate additions and new constructions, etc.

## Topic Speaker

- Emily Braswell, Executive Director of Blue Print Houston
- At the Neartown Development Forum in Oct 08, many ideas came forth, and one that many people shared was to do something "wonderful" with the intersection of Westheimer and Montrose.
- The Urban Land Institute has a Technical Assistance Program, and will work on putting all the proposed ideas together, in a 2-day session with experts, some from all over the country
- All this will be revealed to us on April 23 at Annunciation Orthodox Church, thursday, at a catered reception
- David R. talked about CIPs, for which the deadline has cruelly been moved up from April like it was last year to THIS FRIDAY.
- The hand-out provided at the meeting was indecipherable, and Nathan was no help at deciphering it.
- Nathan says to resend our CIPs to the Finance Dept. of COH

## New Business:

- Stabbing at Sherlock's Pub: double stabbing after hours in River Oaks Shopping Center parking lot. This follows a history of problems at that bar.
- The townhomes directly behind the bar are going to protest the renewal of its liquor license.
- Robert G. gave the PIP report. Next meeting is tomorrow.
- East Montrose Civic Association's problems with Ecclesia church parking was mentioned
- The Live Oak issue was discussed. It has been resolved, and our Live Oaks beneath power lines are "saved" from cutting by utility companies
- Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary