

Nearatown Association Meeting Minutes  
June 28, 2016 – 7:00 PM  
Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

President Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

1). Introductions

2). Updates and Continuing Discussion

- Lower Westheimer Road Advisory Committee – Public Meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup> overview  
Greg provided a brief report on the Advisory Committee activities and the public meeting which was held at St. Stephen's. Discussion followed on points covered at the public meeting and ideas about possibilities for Westheimer. Both Greg, Caroline Garry and Macy Bodenhamer are on the Advisory Committee. Links are provided below for more information from the public meeting. For general information and to sign up for email updates, visit [www.lowerwestheimerstudy.org](http://www.lowerwestheimerstudy.org).

Website Presentation:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/g3dpa413b85unsu/Lower%20Westheimer%20Presentation\\_6\\_2016.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/g3dpa413b85unsu/Lower%20Westheimer%20Presentation_6_2016.pdf?dl=0)

Website Notes of Meeting:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/x1sr1h0jx9woom6/Lower%20Westheimer%20Agenda\\_and\\_notes%20Public%20Meeting%20%20June%206%202016.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/x1sr1h0jx9woom6/Lower%20Westheimer%20Agenda_and_notes%20Public%20Meeting%20%20June%206%202016.pdf?dl=0)

- Update from Super Neighborhood Alliance Meeting of June 13 – Kay Warhol  
Kay reported on topics covered at the June Super Neighborhood Alliance meeting:
  - Update on the City of Houston's Efforts to Combat the Zika Virus from Ryan Arnold of the City of Houston Health Department. It was noted that the mosquito that carries the virus is active and biting at any time of day or night – not just at dawn and dusk. Also, Steve Longmire shared that the FMC June On Common Ground newsletter (posted at [www.firstmontrosecommons.org](http://www.firstmontrosecommons.org)) has info on combatting Zika, including an excerpt from Consumer Reports on effective mosquito repellants. City info is available at: [http://www.houstontx.gov/health/Epidemiology/Zika\\_Virus.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/health/Epidemiology/Zika_Virus.html). Arnold also mentioned that the Health Department is conducting a Community Health Survey and asking all of us to respond at: [www.houstontx.gov/health/survey.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/health/survey.html)
  - City Debris Removal Efforts discussed by Alyce Coffey, City of Houston Solid Waste Division. The city is undertaking debris removal both as a result of this year's flooding and as part of its Zika efforts. The Solid Waste Dept. is also working to combat illegal dumping. Much of what they are doing is based on 311 calls. Dumping is now a category on the 311 app.
  - Update on the Houston Bike Plan from Patrick Walsh (Director) and Amar Mohite of the City Planning Department. On June 20, the final Houston Bike Plan was released and presented to the City Council's Transportation, Technology, and Infrastructure (TTI) Committee. The Planning Dept. will be seeking formal approval for the plan from City Council in the next 2-3 months and then will begin implementation. Walsh indicated that they are working on an update process so that the plan is flexible to accommodate needed changes. The plan can be viewed at [houstonbikeplan.org](http://houstonbikeplan.org).

We will look at getting a speaker to the July Neartown meeting to talk about the bikeway facilities in the final plan that serve Montrose.

- SNA President Jane West presented the SNA annual report to the City Council TTI Committee on May 26<sup>th</sup>. She plans to meet individually with each Council Member and will request Neartown representation when she meets with CM Cohen.
- Civic Association Best Practices – Steve Longmire continued the discussion of best practices with the topic for tonight: membership recruitment and roster/contact list creation and management. Steve provided handouts, which are included with the distribution of these minutes.
  - Topic for next meeting: communication/newsletters

3). Other

- There was a brief discussion about the Montrose TIRZ and the fact that no TIRZ board meeting has yet been called.

4). The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.