

# Old Braeswood Property Owners Association

## Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting

June 17, 2020

Virtual Meeting on Zoom Platform

1. **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum:** President Julie Cohn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present.
2. **Special Guest Speakers** – Ms. Cohn introduced guest speakers State Representative Sarah Davis and Houston City Council Member Abbie Kamin.
  - a. **State Representative Sarah Davis** – Representative Davis provided state level Covid-19 information including the number of reported cases, those tested for Covid-19 and the number of cases from the Texas Medical Center dashboard. She discussed the state testing sites and the number of ICU beds currently in use. Representative Davis reviewed orders by Governor Greg Abbot and his plan for opening the state. She reported on the Appropriations Committee healthcare budget and unemployment in our district. Representative Davis then presented information on the decrease in state revenue as a result of Covid-19 including, among others, a reduction in sales tax revenue and the collection of motor vehicle sales taxes and a decrease in oil production taxes. She also discussed the state’s budget and anticipated billions of dollars in shortfall and provided information regarding the CARES Act. Representative Davis discussed driver’s license expiration issues during the pandemic and noted that the Governor was allowing the use of expired licenses for 60 days after all of the DPS offices had opened and under Texas law a voter was allowed to vote with an expired driver’s license as long as the expiration date was not greater than four years. Lastly, she provided an update regarding the installation of 5G and a related lawsuit that had been filed by the City of Houston. Representative Davis then answered questions from members.
  - b. **Houston City Council Member Abbie Kamin, District C-** Council Member Kamin noted that she had been serving on the City Council since January 2020 and had been a member of several committees, including safety. She provided additional information regarding the current 5G litigation, Covid-19 deaths and hospital capacity. Council Member Kamin also reported that hurricane preparedness kits had contained masks for families. Next, she discussed the City of Houston’s budget and a disparity study that would be conducted in the next year. Council Member Kamin then reported on amendments to the City’s budget including, among others, amendments for flood mitigation and measures to combat drought. She also responded to questions regarding a new program by the Houston Public Works providing for panel replacements of streets in neighborhoods.

Ms. Cohn thanked both Representative Davis and Council Member Kamin for their participation and they exited the meeting.
3. **Old Braeswood Patrol – S.E.A.L. Security LLC** - Dee Murray introduced Officer Erica Rocha, an officer with S.E.A.L. Security, responsible for the patrol schedule oversight in the neighborhood. Officer Rocha provided a brief overview of S.E.A.L. and its responsibilities and then provided a summary of incidents that occurred in the neighborhood in May 2020 including, among others, the number of alarm control issues, assistances to individuals, burglary of a motor vehicle, solicitors, thefts and vacation watches.
4. **Minutes of the November 2019 Annual Meeting** were approved as presented.
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Mike Kelly had previously provided a report on Income and Expenses in the Old Braeswood POA Operating Account as of April 30, 2020 that members had received via email. He provided an update to that report noting that deposits as of the end of May 2020 totaled \$110,805. Mr. Kelly reported that current funds designated to pay S.E.A.L. patrol costs would pay for such costs through October 2020 and patrol hours might need to be adjusted after that time due to the shortfall

in funds if additional funds for S.E.A.L. patrol costs were not received. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report passed.

6. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Architectural Review Committee ("ARC") & Trees** - Paul Sanders provided a report on the ARC including the number of houses under construction and being remodeled, lots cleared, houses and lots for sale and the number of houses for rent. He noted that the committee was working with Trees of Houston for the planting of trees on Dorrington in the fall.
- b. **Block Captains** – Christine Manca thanked participating block captains for being neighborhood liaisons. She reported that block captains had been involved in encouraging Social Distancing Sundays and working with those neighbors needing assistance.
- c. **Enforcement** – John Eldridge reported on commercial signage and dumpster and porta potty placement violations.
- d. **Garden Club** - Alicia vonGreisman reported that an email had gone out to members requesting their updated information for the directory. She also noted that the Garden Club cookbook was selling well and contributions made towards the cookbook were going to the Garden Club to fund its charitable activities.
- e. **Preservation** – Joe Manca reported that the Preservation Committee was planning an event that would probably be an exterior event showcasing gardens and facades on the outside of houses. He noted that the next Newsletter would contain information on how to replace the historical blue and white tiles naming the neighborhood streets.
- f. **Social Events** – Krista Heidersbach reported on the New Neighbors Coffee, Social Sundays that were being held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. during the summer and a possible fall party.
- g. **University Place Liaison** – Andrea Lapsley reported on a recent virtual University Place meeting that was also attended by Evalyn Krudy. Ms. Lapsley discussed the City of Houston's capital improvement projects ("CIP") and how the city was still dealing with Hurricane Harvey issues that impacted the CIP. She noted that panel street replacements in the City budget had been approved last week. Ms. Lapsley also discussed the following: increases in monthly bills for black bin charges, 5G locations and related issues, the Rice Village re-opening to 50 to 70%, and store owners on the south side of University Boulevard in the Rice Village changing to angled parking which was being designed by the City. She reported that Council Member Kamin's office was organizing a "super neighborhood meeting" involving the participation of several super neighborhoods in her district.

Sally Miller urged everyone to patronize advertisers in the neighborhood directory. She noted that two directory sponsors were no longer in business.

- 7. **Comments from Neighbors** – Ms. Cohn suggested that any questions be emailed to Evalyn Krudy and that neighbors also send Ms. Krudy photos of fun Sunday Social Distancing. She then reported that there would be polling through block captains as to when to change the times for Sunday Social Distancing.
- 8. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, Ms. Cohn accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting.