



SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 64 & 88

GREATER EASTWOOD, LAWDALE, & WAYSIDE

Super Neighborhood 64 & 88 Council Meeting

February 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Magnolia Multi-service Center

The Super Neighborhood 64 & 88 Meeting covered several key topics. Harris County Flood Control detailed flood control projects, including a \$32 million project in Eastwood that reduced flood risk. Ed Pettitt from Friends of Columbia Tap highlighted the Columbia Tap Trail's history and future plans, including a \$7.5 million safety infrastructure upgrade. Amy Dinn introduced the Mason Park Conservancy. Houston Parks talked about the Lawndale Dog Park project, set to cost \$500,000. Concerns were raised about the potential abandonment of Polk Street due to the expansion of George R. Brown, with calls for public engagement and alternative east-west connections. A motion was passed to write a letter of opposition to the city council.

Action Items

- Call the number 832-395-3118 to provide feedback on the proposed Polk Street abandonment.
- Attend the public information session on March 17 hosted by Council Member Martinez regarding the Polk Street plans.
- Continue to engage with the Houston First Corporation on their master plan and expansion plans to ensure community input.
- Attend the upcoming events and volunteer opportunities organized by the Columbia Tap Trail group.
- Coordinate with Council Member Martinez and other stakeholders to advocate for increased east-west connectivity and accessibility in the area.

Motions

- Motion to approve the bylaws
 - Unanimous pass, no nays, one abstain.
- Motion to write a letter of opposition to the abandonment of Polk St
 - Unanimous pass, no nays



Outline of Meeting Topics

Super Neighborhood 64 & 88 Meeting Introduction

- Joel Vazquez thanked everyone for attending and mentioned the organization's nonprofit status.
- Lindsay Williams & Council Member Martinez highlight the office's commitment to staying engaged and informed with the community.
- Council Member Martinez mentioned a productive meeting held in March 2017 with various stakeholders, including residents from the East End.

Introductions and Community Liaison Roles

- Lindsay Williams invited other participants to introduce themselves.
- Council Member Martinez introduced themselves as council members.
- Jesse Carballo introduced themselves as community liaisons, detailing their roles and responsibilities in the East End and Denver Harbor areas.
- Lindsay Williams emphasizes the importance of reporting issues through 311 and working with city services and departments.

Flood Control and Capital Projects Overview

- Jeremy Ratcliff provides an overview of their role and responsibilities in flood control, including managing drainage and major projects.
- Jeremy Ratcliff discusses the completion of major projects, such as the replacement of the Calhoun Bridge and the Greater Eastwood area project.
- The project in the Greater Eastwood area is highlighted, detailing its impact on flood reduction and the number of structures affected.
- Jeremy Ratcliff explains the Prop A initiative, a maintenance tax passed in November to support flood control projects.

Challenges and Future Plans in Flood Control

- Jeremy Ratcliff discusses the backlog of maintenance projects and the need for staffing and equipment to address them.
- The importance of mowing and maintaining channels is emphasized, with information available on the flood control website.
- Lindsay Williams mentions their recent appointment to the precinct two advisory board and the impact of the bond on flood control projects.



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- Jeremy Ratcliff talks about new technologies and ideas being explored for flood control, such as tunnels and collaboration with companies like the Boring Company.

Columbia Tap Trail and Community Engagement

- Ed Pettitt introduced themselves as the founder and president of Columbia Tap Trail, detailing its history and impact on the community.
- The trail's board comprises professionals, including engineers, urban planners, and artists.
- The trail's history is outlined from its origins as a pre-Civil War railroad to its decommissioning and redevelopment into a bike trail.
- Ed Pettitt discusses various plans and initiatives to enhance the trail, including affordable housing projects and weekly coffee chats to engage the community.

Mural Project and Community Involvement

- Ed Pettitt describes the mural project along the Columbia Tap Trail, featuring various neighborhoods' history and cultural significance.
- The mural will include panels depicting the history of Eastwood, including its architectural beauty and cultural heritage.
- Ed Pettitt emphasizes the importance of community engagement and collaboration with local organizations and churches.
- To promote community involvement in upcoming events, such as the Black History Bike Tour and the Third Ward on Tap Festival, are mentioned.

Mason Park Conservancy and Dog Park Project

- Amy Dinn introduces the Mason Park Conservancy and their efforts to raise funds for the park's master plan.
- The conservancy aims to support the community in envisioning and funding the master plan, which was adopted in 2019.
- The dog park project is highlighted, with details on its features and the timeline for construction.
- Joaquin Martinez emphasized the importance of community support and collaboration to ensure the successful completion of the project.



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People for Polk and Polk Street Concerns

- Lisa Hunt discusses the community's response to the potential abandonment of Polk Street and the expansion of George R. Brown.
- The Joint Review Committee (JRC) process and the need for public engagement are emphasized.
- Council Member Martinez urges community members to engage with the JRC and provide feedback to ensure their concerns are addressed.
- The importance of leveraging community support to influence the decision-making process is highlighted.

Advocacy and Public Engagement Strategies

- Council Member Martinez emphasizes the need for continued advocacy and public engagement to ensure meaningful community input.
- The importance of leveraging support from city council members and other stakeholders is discussed.
- Council Member Martinez highlights the need for alternative east-west connections to mitigate the impact of Polk Street's potential closure.
- The role of the East Downtown Management District and other organizations in supporting community advocacy efforts is emphasized.

Next Steps and Community Mobilization

- Lisa Hunt encourages community members to attend upcoming meetings and events to stay informed and engaged.
- Signing up to speak at council meetings and providing feedback to elected officials is emphasized.
- Lindsay Williams provides contact information for council members and other stakeholders to facilitate communication and advocacy.
- The need for continued community mobilization and support for ongoing advocacy efforts is highlighted.



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Conclusion and Final Remarks

- Lindsay Williams officially adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.
- The importance of continued advocacy and community engagement is reiterated.
- Lindsay Williams encourages community members to stay informed and involved in upcoming initiatives and events.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder of the importance of leveraging community support to influence decision-making processes.

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