



SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 64 & 88

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Super Neighborhood 64 & 88 Council Meeting

March 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Magnolia Multi-service Center

The Super Neighborhood 64 & 88 Meeting covered several key topics. A motion was passed to support the unpausing of the Telephone Road project, including a mention of Leeland. Kyle Cummins from the County Clerk's Office emphasized the importance of local elections, with key dates for May 3 and November 4. Mike Zientek from TxDOT discussed the I-45 project, highlighting challenges with Polk Street and the need for coordination with Houston First. Larry Satterwhite from the Mayor's Office detailed efforts to end homelessness, including the success of the Way Home program and the challenges of securing funding. The meeting also addressed community concerns about homelessness and public safety. The Super Neighborhood 64 & 88 meeting discussed legislative updates, including a \$350 million bill by Caro Alvarado to improve railroad infrastructure, which is awaiting House approval. The city council is advancing plans for quiet zones on the East Belt and Galveston sub. Concerns were raised about Senate Bill 2722, which could redirect 30% of the Harris County toll road authority revenue to the city without specific allocation or auditing. Upcoming community events include the Eastwood Civic Association's Coffee and Conversations, National Walking Day, a revitalizing Harrisburg meeting, a Houston Land Bank facility discussion, a deed restriction workshop, and an Easter egg hunt at Eastwood Park.

Action Items

- Connect Mike Zientek (TxDOT) and the community member to discuss the coordination between TxDOT and Houston First's plans.
- Contact Solid Waste to discuss the changes to heavy trash pickup and potential solutions to address illegal dumping.
- Follow up with the Precinct 2 Advisory Board and Adrian Garcia's office regarding the concerns about Senate Bill 2722.

Outline

Motions Made

- A motion was made to request up to \$1500 from the Department of Neighborhoods for administrative funds.
 - Seconded. Unanimous passed.



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- A motion was made to send a letter of support to the mayor to unpause the Telephone Road revitalization project.
 - An amendment was made to include language that this would mention that Telephone connects with Leeland, which is critical for the
 - The Chair confirmed the motion to submit a letter supporting the unpasing of the Telephone Road project.
 - The motion was seconded with the amendment. Unanimous passed.
- The Chair asks for a vote, and the motion is passed with no opposition.
- The Chair thanked everyone for their patience and mentioned ongoing improvements with Robert's Rules of Order.

Introduction of Kyle Cummins from the County Clerk's Office

- Kyle Cummins introduces himself and his role in the election department.
- He emphasizes the importance of local elections, mentioning upcoming elections on May 3 and November 4.
- Kyle provides key dates for early voting and ballot by mail acquisitions.
- He encourages community members to volunteer as election judges and process election night support staff.

Discussion on Sylvester Turner's Seat and Election Details

- Residents inquired about the Sylvester Turner seat's inclusion on the May 3 ballot.
- Kyle Cummins explains the challenges of quickly organizing a special election for the seat.
- Kyle mentions the upcoming special elections for the county and Congressional District 18.
- Kyle thanked the community for participating and wished them success in their meeting.

Introduction of Mike Zientek from Hill Day Public Relations

- Mike Zientek introduced himself and his role in public outreach for the I-45 project.
- He discusses the plans for the I-69 area, including changes to Polk Street and the rerouting of Hamilton.
- Mike addresses questions about the exit from I-69 to Bell and the potential abandonment of Bell.
- He explains the complexities of the I-45 project and the timeline for construction, which is expected to start in 2031.



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Coordination Between TxDOT and Houston First

- Residents question the coordination between TxDOT and Houston First on the I-45 project.
- Mike Zientek explains the challenges of aligning the timelines for the I-45 and Houston First projects.
- Residents emphasize the need for a sequencing plan to minimize disruption to the community.
- Mike mentioned ongoing discussions with Houston First and TxDOT to address these coordination issues.

Community Concerns and Suggestions for I-45 Project

- Residents criticize the current plan and suggest TxDOT should have more influence over Houston First.
- Mike Zientek acknowledges the sensitivity of the situation and the need for collaboration.
- Residents suggest creative solutions for addressing the impact on Polk Street, including potential overpasses.
- Mike Zientek explains the technical challenges of building overpasses in the area.

Introduction of Stephanie Plata from Emancipet

- Stephanie Plata introduces herself and Emancipet, a nonprofit providing low-cost veterinary care.
- She highlights Emancipet's services, including vaccinations, microchipping, and affordable treatments.
- Stephanie mentions the partnership with Barrio Dogs to address the stray cat and dog population.
- She encourages community members to volunteer as Emancipet ambassadors and offers resources for pet owners.

Introduction of Larry Satterwhite from the Mayor's Office

- Larry Satterwhite introduced himself as Houston's Director of Public Safety and Homeland Security.
- He discusses his role in terrorism prevention, building resiliency, and volunteer efforts.
- Larry emphasizes the importance of community training and emergency response.
- He mentions the mayor's goal to end homelessness in Houston and the collaborative efforts to achieve this.

Overview of Houston's Homelessness Strategy

- Larry Satterwhite outlines the city's strategy to end street homelessness, including partnerships with Harris County and various organizations.
- He explains the different interventions, including housing, diversion, and mental health support.
- Larry highlights the success of the Way Home program and the challenges of securing funding.
- He discusses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on homelessness and the need for continued support.

Progress and Challenges in Addressing Homelessness

- Larry Satterwhite shares the success of the Allen's Landing project, which reclaimed a park from homeless encampments.
- He explains the city's ordinance regarding homelessness and the proposed changes to allow 24/7 enforcement.
- Larry addresses community concerns about the impact of homelessness on public safety and quality of life.
- He emphasizes the need for adequate shelter space and resources to support individuals transitioning out of homelessness.

Community Questions and Concerns

- Residents question the criminalization of homelessness and the need for better support services.
- Larry Satterwhite explains the balance between enforcing laws and providing resources for homeless individuals.
- Residents ask about the timeline for getting homeless individuals into housing and the challenges of reuniting families.
- Larry Satterwhite outlines assessing needs, providing temporary shelter, and transitioning individuals to permanent housing.

Announcements and Closing Remarks

- The Chair provides updates on solid waste changes, including the discontinuation of heavy trash pickup for particular items.
- Harris County Constable Pct. 6 shares crime statistics and encourages community members to report issues to the constable's office.



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- Carla Wyatt introduced herself as the Harris County Treasurer and offered to present at a future meeting on the treasurer's office.
- The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and concluded the meeting.

Senate Bill and Railroad Projects

- The Chair discussed a bill filed by Carol Alvarado that passed the Senate and is awaiting approval from the House. The bill would allocate \$350 million to improve railroad infrastructure.
- The city council has taken the next step to complete the East Belt quiet zone and the Galveston subdivision quiet zone, which are crucial for quality of life along Harrisburg and Hughes.
- The Chair mentions a bill filed in the State Senate, which has a companion House bill, and expresses concern about it due to its potential impact on Harris County toll road authority dollars.
- Adrian Garcia's office is concerned about the bill, which could redirect revenue from Harris County to the city of Houston without specific stipulations on its use, affecting partnership programs and community initiatives.

Community Announcements and Events

- The Chair announces the Eastwood Civic Association's "Coffee and Conversations" event on March 29 and encourages participation in National Walking Day on April 2.
- The Joint East End Super Neighborhood Coalition aims to create a clean, safe, and healthy environment for residents, and the Chair invites everyone to join in the community activities.
- Upcoming events include a revitalizing Harrisburg meeting on April 5, a discussion of the Houston Land Bank facility, and a deed restriction workshop at the Cape Center.
- The Eastwood Civic Association is hosting an Easter egg hunt at Eastwood Park, followed by a playdate and a spring Fiesta, inviting the community to participate and engage.

Website and Meeting Information

- The Chair highlights the effort to build a comprehensive website with a calendar of meetings, which will make it easier for residents to find and attend community events.
- The website aims to provide a centralized location for all community activities, making it convenient for residents to stay informed and involved.



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- The Chair shares personal experience as the president of the Eastwood Civic Association, emphasizing the importance of community engagement and support.
- The meeting concludes with the Chair expressing gratitude to attendees, hoping they feel informed, heard, empowered, and energized about the community.

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