

## RPCA General Meeting

### Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

#### III. Open Items (*additional comments*)

- a. Liquor License/information regarding new establishment going into the TMobile storefront on Shepherd Dr
  - i. *Will be a Chinese Restaurant; remainder of space is still empty*
- b. Neighborhood Safety – person recently followed from ATM to place of business on Lexington St and robbed; other incidents to discuss
  - i. *People have also noted unlocked cars being rifled through along Hazard St- secure your belongings; report any instances of theft to police*
- c. Deed Restrictions Updates? – Realtor inquiries as to block status/individual homeowner elections  
- *None*
- d. Need 1700 Block Lexington Block captain- volunteers at the general meeting? John G has assumed the role for the interim
  - i. *Claudio Pineda has volunteered to be the 1700 Lexington Block Captain – Thanks*
- e. Need 1900 Lexington Block Captain – any volunteers?
  - i. *Sean Pavalan and family have assumed 1900 Lexington Block Captain role - Thanks*
- f. Treasurer's Report – *Current Account Balance: \$5371. 93*

#### IV. New Business

- a. Traffic/parking - 311 request to place no parking to intersection sign nest Woodhead and Lexington to alleviate blind spots associated with cars parking too close to intersection; 311/COH looking at 4 way stop possibility at Woodhead and Lexington.

- i. 4-way stop was evaluated by Public Works at Lexington and Woodhead, however they indicated that “speeding is not justification for a 4-way stop sign.” Continue to use 311 to request speed/parking controls when you see issues.*
- b. Traffic Calming applications/report - new point of contact at Ellen Cohen's office; hopefully they will be more responsive to our application (currently showing a 5 year wait time from date of submittal - Q3 2018).
  - i. John received word from Ellen Cohen’s office that our RPCA request for an expedited traffic calming study is not possible. We submitted the request 12/4/17 to the COH NTMP – we were told at that time that there was a 5 year wait list for traffic studies.*
- c. Homeless camp at Dunlavy and I-69: had been located on highway side of sound barrier near the little league field. Extension cords routinely found running under wall to the baseball backstop. Camp has been disbanded. Report any entry to I69 green space to non-emergency police number and/or 311, TXDOT.
  - i. The I59 fence has been re-secured. If you observe any additional unlawful entry to the greenspace along I59, report to 311, TXDOT and non-emergency police number.*
- d. Spring Block Party - will be held April 7, 2019; anticipate ordering Star Pizza, to supplement potluck; possibly doing another bounce house for kids.
- e. Poe Legacy Wall Tile- RPCA sponsored a small tile on the Poe Elementary 90th Anniversary Legacy Wall- cost \$250. – *Thank you RPCA.*
- f. Neartown Meeting Update- Jim Evans represents RPCA. Attended January 2019 meeting at Cherryhurst Park. See appended meeting minutes.
  - i. PIP representatives (local police patrols) were present at the Neartown Association meeting; discussed Metro Plan, which includes Bikeway plan maps, possible bicycle path along I59 between sound wall and the freeway. 10 Transportation modes being discussed in Metro’s Plan; Bus Rapid Transit planned for Richmond Ave – the Richmond Ave rail option is likely dead. \$100 has been paid to Neartown for annual dues, as of 3/23/19, per Sue Bailey*

- g. Graffiti - Erwin Chew Park; on sound wall near the 3rd base line of little league field. Report all instances of vandalism/problems near the baseball field to 311 (baseball field link). Neartown Little League will be starting up soon. Keep an eye on condition of Erwin Chew Park.
  - i. *Also use 311 to report excessive trash in the parks*
- h. RPCA Officer Elections: RPCA Secretary – *Mary London Fuller was unanimously elected as the new RPCA Secretary – thank you for volunteering, Mary London*
- i. Other New Business? –
  - i. *Montrose TIRZ meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month*
  - ii. *Rebuild/resurface of Richmond Ave is starting – will likely serve as a quick fix and will delay a true total rebuild of Richmond Ave, which is likely needed*
  - iii. *Apartments on Portsmouth have overflowing dumpsters inside the gate (not enough trash pickups scheduled, apparently) – reach out to management to request additional trash pickup.*
  - iv. *Exceptionally poor drainage noted on several occasions at Norfolk and Woodhead St; John will put in a 311 request to have the drain evaluated/cleaned; All Richwood Place home owners can report drainage, parking, speeding issues to 311. Unfortunately, it is the squeaky wheel that gets the grease with the City of Houston, so log your complaints early and often.*

**V. Adjournment**

*The General Meeting was held upstairs at Star Pizza; we had ~22 attendees from the neighborhood.*