

Sunnyside Super Neighborhood

Meeting Minutes 8/22/2024

6:03: Opening prayer- Rev. Hood

6:05: Direction was given to scan the agenda

6:05: History & Composition of Super Neighborhood

Recap & Updates:

6:07:

- Google Drive allocated for Super Neighborhood
- Marketing tools starting
- Connected with a group to address government agencies
- 501C3 has been created & approved

6:08:

Houston Community Land Trust -Desmond

- The corner store that has some “activity” and working to get this store torn down
- Clearing the homeless encampment

6:10:

Committee Meetings

- Encourage members to meet independently

Beautification Committee

- Hosting first community clean up
- members are encouraged to participate

Event Planning

- December toy drive

Education Committee

- Working with Attucks and Young Elementary
- Partnering with Worthing High School and invited to come to next alumni meeting

Housing and Safety

- Education around land ownership
- Deed restrictions

6:15:

Deed Restrictions

- Trying to get someone to come out-educate the community about deed restrictions
- Asked members to reach out if they are interested about more information

Neighborhood Academy (formerly CCU)

- Extended the application deadline to 8/23/2024

6:18:

Get Out the Vote Rally

- October 19, 2024

6:20:

City of Houston- Debris Pick-up (Steven James)

- Hot team and contractors working on clean-up pick-up
- August 25, 2024 next pick-up
- Reminder for members to call 311 and get 832-393-3001
- Districtd@houstontx.gov

6:22:

Speed Cushion

- Check your mail to see if you have received a letter about speed cushions in your area.

6:25:

Up Arts Studio - Chevas

- Traffic boxes painted all over the city
- Gathering feedback from the community
- The mayor's office will be financing about 4 art pieces on the light boxes around Sunnyside Holmes, Scott, Belfort, Airport (Office of Complete Communities)
- Survey will close around September 15, 2024 and will return to the community with results manymural.org
- ONLINE SURVEY: bit.ly/MM-CC1

6:28

Real Estate - Jason Hyman

- Brokerage and urban planning
- Concern over lack of ownership
- Sunnyside is nearly 60
- Work on access to capital

6:30

State Representative Jarvis Johnson (139)

- Black United Fund of Texas 20 million EPA Grant planning
- How do we spend 20 million dollars effectively?
- The organization will be surveying community along with city, state, and other government officials.

Other Government officials present:

- Leticia Plummer- Cici
- Mayra Hypolite- Harris County Christian Menaphee
- Monica Shaw- Boris Miles Office
- Rebecca - Mayor John Whitmire
- Daniella Hanniga- Deadline for the EPA grant is November

- HBCU EPA Tracker -TSU

6:45:

Nikki Knight- Letter Mailed to Residents

- -Sunnyside Redevelopment and Investment RDA and TIRZ 26 Sunnyside.tx.org
- Management District - is a tool/organization that is needed to make sure maintenance is handled
- How is it funded? Commercially assessed businesses
- FTA Grant team eligible
- Meetings are the 3rd Friday at noon @ the Sunnyside Multi-purpose center
- The letter is poorly written, and the Board shared that they will reach out and ask for the letter to be rewritten to explain better the purpose of the TIRZ 26 assessment and how it will benefit our community
- The direction for the letter was for residents to check the box to request a hearing and mail the letter back before the deadline listed on the letter.