

# Sunnyside Super Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 22, 2026

**Time:** 6:10 PM – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual)

**Called to Order By:** Melanie Young

**Minutes Prepared By:** Melanie Young

## I. Call to Order

The Sunnyside Super Neighborhood meeting was called to order at **6:10 PM**. Melanie welcomed attendees and allowed a brief buffer period for virtual participants to join.

## II. Review of Super Neighborhood Accomplishments and Priorities

Melanie led a review of the Super Neighborhood's recent accomplishments and ongoing initiatives, including efforts to mitigate illegal dumping, community cleanups, and infrastructure advocacy. She highlighted upcoming funding opportunities available through Harris County Precinct 1, including programs related to school safety and street lighting improvements. Residents were encouraged to continue reporting flooding, illegal activity, and infrastructure issues through appropriate city channels. Melanie also requested volunteers to lead future projects and reminded attendees to sign up for the **Clean the Block** initiative.

## III. Infrastructure Project Updates (TIRZ & City of Houston)

Updates were provided on several Sunnyside infrastructure projects:

- Heritage Green, Gateway Neighborhood signage, and Belfort median improvements are currently in various stages of planning and permitting.
- Signage on 288S & Belfort and 610S & Holmes Road
- Median updates on Bellfort between Edgar & Ferdinand
- Median updates to Cullen blvd & Airport
- Bricker Park Renovation will include sidewalk completion, basketball court repairs, and ADA accessibility improvements, with anticipated construction beginning later this year and completion expected early next year.

## IV. Strategic Initiatives

Melanie outlined strategic priorities for the coming year, including:

- Partnering with existing organizations rather than forming new committees
- Establishing a donation structure to support future neighborhood leadership

- Improving the Super Neighborhood newsletter with more educational content
- Developing a long-term strategic plan
- Increasing neighborhood presence at City of Houston committee meetings
- Exploring improvements and a potential redesign of the Super Neighborhood website, including consideration of a new domain
- Launching a GroupMe for improved communication among residents and stakeholders

## **V. Community Infrastructure and Waste Concerns**

Residents raised concerns regarding property maintenance, unattended heavy trash, break-ins, water leaks, and incomplete paving work, particularly on Carmen Street and the 4600 block of Wilmington.

Representatives from City Council offices, including Jordan Frazier (At-Large 5) and Sarah from Councilmember Ramirez’s office (At-Large 1), responded with the following updates:

- Emphasized the importance of submitting service requests
- Noted coordination with Solid Waste and District D
- Shared information about a pilot on-demand heavy trash pickup program
- Announced a Budget and Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting on February 3 related to waste operations

## **VI. Community Organization Updates**

Several organizations provided updates:

- Harris County Tax Office: Information on voter registration, early voting, and becoming a Volunteer Deputy Registrar
- African American Health Coalition: Introduction of the Sunnyside Up initiative focused on health and economic improvement
- Sunnyside Texas Chamber of Commerce: Overview of small business support efforts and upcoming programming
- Prairie View A&M University: Presentation on HIV/STD prevention and sexual health education
- Star of Hope: Announcement of plans to open a new Sunnyside community resource center and invitation for partnerships

## **VII. Winter Preparedness and Announcements**

Melanie shared winter weather preparedness information, including warming centers and guidance on protecting pipes and pets.

Several candidate announcements were made:

- **Burrell Davis** announced his candidacy for Harris County District Clerk
- **Jimmy Brown** announced his candidacy for District Judge
- **Gloria Finlay Brothers** announced her candidacy for Judge, emphasizing trauma-informed care

Additional details were shared regarding warming center locations, free transportation options, and an upcoming **Quality of Life Committee** meeting.

## **VIII. Community Issue Reporting and Support Initiatives**

Melanie reviewed the **Blue Star Program** and encouraged residents to submit reports related to corner stores and other community issues using the “**See Something, Say Something**” form through the Precinct 7 Constable’s Office. Clarification was provided that the program applies broadly to various community concerns.

## **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **7:30 PM**.