

# Westbury Civic Club Board Minutes

Westbury Baptist Church

April 17, 2024

## Welcome and Call to Order – 7:07 PM

Board Members in attendance: Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Mat Funk, Bob Droubi, Becky Pate, Ryan Cowley, Maggie Donovan, Lindsey Pollock, Jonathan Hansen, Becky Edmondson

### Guest Speakers:

\* Public Safety Updates. Sgt Derkowski

Mental Health Calls

Crime stats - if you see something suspicious call it in

Homeless outreach - must be willing to accept services

Resident asking about abandoned home next door

\* Announcements by Elected Officials and Department/Agency Representatives

Mayor Pro Tem - Martha Castex Tatum

- Library opening scheduled for June 1 - Dr. Shannon Walker will be in attendance
- Dr. Lawson has retired from Library Services. Cynthia Wilson is Interim Director
- Possibly combine city and county library systems
- Anniversary Library Cards are now available - get yours!
- Spring Village Apartment Complex - working with many agencies to get the property secured. May try to expedite a purchase order. High priority. Fire and Police depts. involved in calls to property.
- Question from attendee regarding Westbury Square property sale. It is privately owned.
- Willow Waterhole upgrades for the trails around Westbury Lake are complete. Commissioner Ellis provided funding.
- Cigna Sunday may be coming to the WWH - hope EVERYONE can attend!
- Updates on painting crosswalks - white paint was on backorder. NOW underway!
- 9600 block of Hillcroft water leak - 6 weeks but not on high priority - it IS on the list Residents report it does seem to be getting work. Send SR# to Mayor ProTem
- Ashcroft St. resident asked about a black tarp (related to a Public Works project) that blocked the street during heavy trash. Mayor ProTem will find out.
- Hiring event for City of Houston jobs - May 7th
- Fire Station has been painted!
- Congressman Green - Post Office issues!
- Dumping videos! One resulted in the cancellation of a city contract.

Brian Pendleton from Harris County Precinct 4

- Public Health information
- Sidewalks are on the list for the community

General discussion about personal safety in the area and at Willow Waterhole. Suggestion to organize a walking group. Call box? No.

Recognition of attendees who work elections. THANK YOU for your service!

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Reminder to VOTE in May 4th general election and HCAD and May 28th run-off election. Early voting starts tomorrow for the May 4th election. League of Women's Voters has a guide. Go to [Harrisvotes.com](https://harrisvotes.com) for polling locations.

Candidate Lauren Ashley Simmons - in runoff against Shawn Thierry. Lives in the Medical area. Running for House District 146. Election day May 28th. website: [laurenashleysimmons.com](https://laurenashleysimmons.com)

## **Officer and WCC Office Reports:**

\* Secretary - Meeting Minutes from March 2024

Becky Edmondson moves to approve Becky Pate seconded. Approved unanimously

\* Treasurer Report. Financial Update.

Net income \$122,635.95

CD - \$100,000 earning \$800 every 2 months

Commissioners court approved a 6.6% increase to the Constable Program on Oct 1, which will bring the cost to the neighborhood to almost \$300,000 annually. Remind neighbors to pay their civic association dues. WCC Office Manager detected glitches in the PayHOA check-handling system due to mismatches, which are being corrected.

WAIC has been able to pick up some of the expenses that were not covered.

Ratliff and Associates engagement letter has been signed to do taxes and financial review. Extension has been filed. Marcia asked if they will represent the organization if there was ever a need to work with the IRS.

\* Office Updates - None

## **New Business:**

\* Spring Village Apartments – Fire on April 13, 2024 (previous fire on March 20) See comments from Mayor ProTem - Martha Castex Tatum

\* Community Outreach. Branding for WCC (branded shirts?) - Jonathan Hansen suggested that it would be a good idea for neighborhood spirit and/or board members to be identified. Collared polo style shirt recommended. Becky suggested magnetic name tags. By show of hands the board members indicated they prefer magnetic name tags. Discussed design and pricing.

Plans for National Night Out? Maggie will serve on the committee. All section directors need to help with the event. Ideas for raffle/baskets, guests. Becky asked if the group thought there should be translation/outreach in Spanish, especially in some sections.

## **Old Business:**

\* Keep Westbury Beautiful Day event held on April 6. - THANK YOU to everyone who was able to come out and help. Great group of students from Bellaire HS volunteered. Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) - helping to pay for the butterfly garden. THANK YOU! Becky encouraged attendees to participate. Super Neighborhood meetings are also open to the public!

\* Letter of Support for Hillcroft Trail – email vote. Letter sent to meet deadline

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\* Discuss Board Development and Planning Workshop(s)

\* Consider Candidates for Vacant Board Positions

**WCC Committees and Programs:** None at this time

## **Community Updates:**

- May 5 (4 - 6pm) - Kendra Scott Highland Village event to benefit the Westbury 501c3
- May 18 - Garden Event
- June 1 - Tomato Tasting Event!

Westbury Baptist Updates: Hosting Braeswood Farmer's Market on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays with April 27th Community Book Swap and May 22nd - Blood Drive. The upstairs walking track is open to the public (8am - 5pm) at Westbury Baptist

## **Announcements / Public Comments:**

Pluckers is now "open" in Meyerland! Q&A from audience.

**Closed Session:** *If needed to discuss contract negotiations, property acquisition, or legal issues or legal enforcement of deed restrictions.*

**Summarize Closed Session:** *If applicable*

**Adjourn: 8:46pm**

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Friends of WHS Gala. April 27

Elections:

\* Special Elections: HCAD (3 positions). SD15 Interim. Sat, May 4. (Early 4/22 -30)

\* RunOff Elections to be on Nov Ballot. SD15, HD146, and others. Tuesday, May 28 (Early 5/20-24)

WAIC and Westbury SNC#37: Wed, May 15 at 9:30 AM at Westbury Baptist Church. Room D103

WCC Board Meeting: Wed, May 15 at 7 PM. Westbury Baptist Church. Game Room.