

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Minutes
Westbury Baptist Church
May 15, 2024 at 7 PM

Welcome and Call to Order – 7 PM

In attendance: Alan Hirshman, Becky Pate, Mat Funk, Maggie Donovan, Sylvia Rosales, Ryan Conley, Marcia Hartman, Becky Edmondson, Lindsey Pollock

Guest Speakers:

Jarvis Johnson - Running for Whitmire's Senate seat. Spoke to the assault on public schools - Houston ISD and the importance of investing in the infrastructure.

New Business:

***HISD.** Becky addressed Westbury CC concerns that area schools need to be rebuilt (Anderson and Meyerland MS) and the current principal of Meyerland MS (last year's MS Principal of the Year). Becky read a letter drafted by WAIC to demand action on behalf of our community for our neighborhood schools - both personnel and bond concerns. Demand that Miles be removed immediately to restore public trust in leadership. The WAIC resolution reads:

"A resolution stating no-confidence in Mr. Mike Miles and the HISD Board of Managers, and to request an investigation into the allocation and use of state funds. We also request clarification of the rubric for employee termination and budget decisions."

Becky Edmondson: Motion that the WAIC resolution be endorsed by WCC. Second by Maggie Donovan. Unanimously passed

Becky Edmondson then motioned that a more specific Westbury resolution be approved by the board.

Due to the removal of the Principals of both Westbury High School and Meyerland Middle School who were both effective and inspired neighborhood confidence - the board of the Westbury Civic Club crafts this resolution of no-confidence in Mr. Miles and the HISD Board of Managers. Both Anderson ES and Meyerland MS are in need of major campus rebuilds. However, we fear that the very necessary HISD Bond referendum that we are in favor of, will be unsuccessful due to the current level of distrust in the TEA appointed management.

*** Public Safety Updates.** Sgt Derkowski stated that there have been more crimes along Braewick in the last month than over the whole year. Suspects coming into the back yards via the bayou. Add additional lighting to your backyard and check if your dogs are barking! One night alone there were 8 car break-ins on a single street. One neighborhood had 22 break-ins in a single night. They are targeting unlocked cars. Another group is breaking car windows when they are able to see items through the window. Hide your items or take them inside. Most car alarms don't trigger from a broken window.

Maggie shared that we have a new DRT Sgt - Tracie Matthews-Segura. She is taking the place of Michael Ortiz.

Community member shared that she is in Section 4 and is concerned that the area is declining. She is driving in the area. She and Becky, who is the section 4 director, will connect.

Community member asked about deed restriction enforcement.

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* **Office Updates.** Jennifer shared that she is doing more drive-arounds and has set up violations in the portal for residents. She sent 22 letters today in Westbury 4 and 5. Residents will have time to remediate the issue. Violation letters are for minor things. Major violations (such as operating a business out of the home, set-backs, number of buildings on a property) are reported to the City of Houston legal department for action. Recommend reporting to 3-1-1 and attaching photos.

New library official address will be 11630 CHIMNEY ROCK!!!! Grand opening June 1 - Come out and meet Shannon Walker, Astronaut!

* **Announcements by Elected Officials and Department/Agency Representatives**

Rep Jarvis Johnson stated that he is calling for the removal of Mike Miles from the position of Superintendent in Houston ISD. Commissioner Lesley Briones' Representative, Brian Pendleton, said Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday May 27 at Bear Creek Pioneers Park from 2 - 3pm

Officer and WCC Office Reports:

* Secretary - Meeting Minutes from April 2024 were distributed electronically before the meeting. No changes to the minutes. Becky Edmondson motioned and Becky Pate seconded that the current minutes be accepted.

* Treasurer Report. Financial Update.

New Business:

* Becky Edmondson showed the renditions of the artwork for a mini-mural: Option 1 - Zero Option 2 - Zero Option 3 - Thirteen Option 4 - Two (suggestion to add sunglasses)

Request to install a light at W Bellfort and Burdine

Becky - WAIC has presentations to review Robert's Rules of Order. Suggest that board member study.

Jennifer - Westbury pool will be OPEN this summer!! Grand opening Saturday May 25th!! Now hiring Lifeguards - \$16/hour

Becky - Reminder that the adult water fitness program will open for registration on Wed/Friday nights. May 28th schedule will go open online and registration starts June 3rd.

Westbury Little League having tournaments - come out and see the kids play!

Old Business:

* Consider Candidates for Vacant Board Positions

* Community Outreach. Branding for WCC (branded Shirts? Flyers?)

Adjourn: Motion by Jennifer Edmondson Seconded by 8:15pm

Meeting Minutes submitted by Lindsey Pollock, Secretary.