

## **ALIEF SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

Minutes for Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Alief Super Neighborhood # 25 held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the CenterPoint Energy Building, 12330 Bellaire Blvd.

### **PROGRAM**

Michael Manning called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Secretary, Henry Williams, conducted Roll Call of council members (See attached.). A quorum was met.

Hospitality: Donated by A' Chau Chinese Restaurant, 6796 Synott @Bellaire. Organized and delivered by Ray Moon. Thanks were expressed for their support of the ASNC and the Alief community.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Guests present included: Mark Fury (Harris Co. Commissioner Steve Radick's office); Bill King (former Kemah mayor/ member of Houston-Galveston Area Council, transportation); NgocThanh Nguyen (Boat People SOS); Shami Gill (Manager Alief Library); Catherine Le, (Congressman Al Green's office), Courtney Moore (TX State district 133 Rep Jim Murphy's office); Ricci Sanchez (HCHD Boone Rd Clinic manager); Kristi Thibaut (candidate for TX State Rep. District 133); Joe Lippeatt (ASNC web site organizer/new email system)

### **MOTIONS MADE:**

1. Elsie Smith: to accept the November minutes as presented. Seconded: Ray Moon. Council voted. Motion Passed
2. Henry Williams: to accept the qualified council members for re-certification. Seconded: Dave Williams. Council voted. Motion Passed.
3. Marie Lee: to add Alief Community Park demolition and rebuilding as a multi-service center to the SNAP. Seconded: Elsie Smith. After discussion, motion was withdrawn.
4. Marie Lee: to write a letter in support of Rainbow Village III, independent senior living center. Seconded: Michael Manning. Motion Passed.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

NgocThanh Nguyen from Boat People SOS, requested that immigrants who are victims of domestic violence should be referred to her organization. She distributed information about Boat People SOS.

CATHERINE LE - Reported Congressman Al Green's office gives assistance to people needing help with federal programs such as: immigration service, VA, housing, Medicare, social security, etc.

RICCI SANCHEZ - Director, new Harris County Community Health Center on Boone Road, reported that ground has been broken for the new facility; the new slab has been marked out, and work is ongoing.

KRISTIN SWANN - Texans Together is a non-profit, working from the grassroots, to organize the community to work together for improvements. They are involving many young people. They had a meeting at the library on January 5; the next one will be Feb. 2 at 10:30 AM. Some of their members attended the SNAP meetings.

RICK MORENO - Newly elected AISD School Board member, thanked all who voted for him.

SALVADORE MEJIA - Independent Soccer League of Alief. Thanked all who have helped him keep 5-15 year old kids playing soccer and out of trouble. There are 20 soccer teams for kids and adults at the Alief Community Park.

JOE LIPPEATT - Stated that the [www.AliefLife.com](http://www.AliefLife.com) web site address will take you to the ASNC website ([AliefSuperNeighborhood.org](http://AliefSuperNeighborhood.org)). He said any organization that wishes to make an announcement can post it at the site along with their email address. He also said he would look into the issue of eliminating the problem of outgoing emails by Anne being sent in duplicate. Michael presented him with a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for all his hard work and long hours.

### **COMMITTEE & STANDING REPORTS**

CHAIR'S REPORT - Chairman Michael Manning suggested a need to get a high school student on the council, and requested that the By-laws committee research the possibility (Dave Williams, Marie Lee, and Henry Williams).

Michael said he received a request for representatives to attend a newly organized City of Houston medical advisory group. Volunteers were Ricci Sanchez, from Harris Co. Hospital District and Kimberley Mathis, of W. Houston Medical Center and an ASNC board member.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Ray Moon stated that any individual or business can support the ASNC through food sponsorship for \$150 per donation. The bank balance was \$3,549.70. Some of the money includes the food donations. Michael said the council should be able to find appropriate spending venues for the money.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Secretary Henry Williams reported that the 2008 & 2009 term Stakeholder Endorsement forms for the following positions have been submitted for re-certification and are qualified:

Position # 3 Alief Community Assoc. (ACA) – Mike Kreinsen

Position # 4 S.A.V.E. Alief - Henry Williams

Position # 12 Resident at Large 1 - Barbara Quattro

Position #15 Neighborhood Area #2 - Dorothea Pindell was seated in November

Position #17: Neighborhood Area #4 - Michael Manning

Hubert Vo resigned from the Cultural Diversity Group Position # 19. (See Position #6 below)

Razi Asaduddin submitted paper work for approval and was seated in the Cultural Diversity Group Position # 19.

\* Paperwork is in transit for: Position # 1: Religious Group - L'Tisha Michaels

Position # 6 Management Company Group - Hubert Vo

OPEN POSITIONS: # 7, Youth Services; #9, Social Services; #10, Chamber of Commerce, #13, Resident-at-Large #2.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS consists of Marie Lee, Anne Williams and Dorothea Pindell. Nominated and elected were: Michael Manning, Chairman; Dave Williams, Vice Chair; Ray Moon, Treasurer; and Henry Williams, Secretary.

SNAP COMMITTEE consists of anyone (not just council members) who wants to be on the committee. All are invited to participate. Currently, Dorothea Pindell is Chairman, Vice Chair is Razi Asaduddin, and members are Dave Williams and Chet Machen. Preliminary reports were handed out to the floor and council. Michael noted that for the evening both SNAP and CIP items would be handled together.

Razi outlined the twelve areas of interest for improvements developed by the SNAP group. Those items included police presence, clean up trash, expand library, improvements to Alief Community Park, need for hike and bike trails, widening of Bissonnet, a multicultural fair/festival, after school programs, youth initiatives, street lights, traffic control signals, senior citizen program, support of the management district, beautification, tourism, and public works including sidewalks.

The council voted to prioritize the top three SNAP issues. They were: (1) Alief Community Park; (2) Library; (3) Police, tied for second; and (4) Green and Clean. The remainder of the needs would stand as the committee listed them. He directed the council to come up with ideas on how to perform the youth initiatives program.

Area resident, Ms Teri Kaplan, (also from TX Dot) stated that when the SNAP/CIP states the need for hike and bike trails, or other general projects should be more specific as to location.

#### BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS:

Tree Planting – Barbara Quattro announced she plans no tree planting this year due to the frequent need for watering vs. paucity of availability of volunteers to water the trees

CITY REPORTS - DONALD PERKINS (city Planning & Dev. Dept) announced:

- ◆ He has taken care of the installation of the street lights portion of the SNAP.
- ◆ Encouraged everyone to attend the CIP meeting for District F on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. He also suggested that the council separate the SNAP items from the CIP items.
- ◆ Said plans were in the making to widen Bissonnet from four to six lanes however, this would involve reducing the median width and thus the trees planted thereon. He told Barbara Quattro that she could meet with the officials at the planning stage and see how to save as many trees as practicable.
- ◆ Declared the 2008-2013 CIP can be found on line and at the library.
- ◆ Suggested additional speakers to include Arturo Michelle (legal department), the solid waste director, and at large council members Peter Brown, Ronald Green, and Yolanda Jones.
- ◆ Provided a handout with information available on the various officials serving the District.
- ◆ Stated there is a Keep Houston Beautiful grant up to \$500 per organization available; details will be emailed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS** – March: HPD Captain Richard Gerstner, Westside Police Station; and a short update from TX State Representative Hubert Vo.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Dan Nip**, Representative from Senior Independent Living Projects including a new one on Boone Loop Road (Rainbow Village I, II and III). Michael recommended the council write a letter of support for same. There are elevators and back up generators. Rainbow Village I and II are 100% occupied with 178 residents.

The next ASNC meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on the fourth Tuesday, February, 26th, 2008, at the CenterPoint Energy Building, 12330 Bellaire Blvd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_

Compiled by Vivien Sugar, Appointed Assistant Recording Secretary

Edited and Respectfully Submitted  
Henry Williams, Secretary Alief Super Neighborhood Council