



## **2017 WAMM CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES JULY 11, 2017**

Lane Llewellyn, President, called the meeting to begin at 6:35 p.m. at Bering United Methodist Church Hall, Houston, TX.

The officers, Jerry Baiamonte, Diane Baker, Andy Weaver, and acting officer, Maria Morandi, were introduced. Andy, the Treasurer gave me the bank balances as follows: Constable Patrol, \$26,246,04 and WAMM \$4,918.69.

Lane then introduced our guest speakers, Melonie Curry, City of Houston Residential Parking Department; Bob Fretz, Construction Manager, and Martin Jasinski, Project Manager for the Annunciation Cathedral and AOS school. Mr. Fretz is the Construction Manager for both projects. Mr. Jasinski is the Project Manager for the AOS school project.

Ms. Curry gave an update to residential parking in our area and around the city. She gave us the new App, Park Houston, for our phones to assist with parking around town. You can locate parking spaces and pay on your phone, you will be texted 15 minutes prior to your expiration time. You can then add more time if necessary. The app is free. She said the city is working to improve and streamline the parking permits for residential parking permits. Ms. Curry took questions from the WAMM residents and she also brought several handouts for our residents. In answering questions, Ms. Curry advised residents to register their complaint with 311 for fastest response. She said if you were not pleased with your response, you can ask 311 to have it escalated to a higher level. You can also contact Council Woman Ellen Cohen to air your complaint.

Mr. Fretz gave the latest update on the Church construction. Mainly, he addressed the tree removal on Kipling Street. He assured WAMM that these trees would be replaced with like size trees and the end of construction and that they would not get butchered as the old trees had by Center Point. They will not be in the lines as the old trees were. They will also plant new trees along Montrose and on Harold. There will also be street lights added to make for safer walking in the evening and early morning. There will be announcements for any street closures. This project is slated to be complete by September of 2018. Some residents were concerned with noise levels early in the morning. Mr. Fretz will check and make sure no work is starting before 7 AM.

Mr Jasinski's update on the school was that the Phase I, the building, was nearing completion. The building that was taken down this week will be replaced by a playground. The total job will be finished by October of this year.

Maria Morandi gave an update on the WAMM membership dues. We are almost 50% under our last year's membership. She also gave the update on the Constable Patrol. We are still not fully funded. Lane added that we will be trying to come up with the funds from original members who paid \$300 per year coming up with the extra \$100 that subsequent subscribers paid. This would fund almost another month of patrol. She also mentioned that checks were preferred over credit cards in order to save the credit card fee and put all the funds into the account.

Lane asked for volunteers to attend the Coalition for the Homeless Lunch & Learn. She had several residents sign up on the sheet she passed around.

Lane also announced that the current board will end their two two-year terms in December. We will need to have a new slate of officers. She asked for volunteers. There was no response. Maria Morandi has already said she would take on the combined offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Lane let everyone know how grateful she was that Maria had volunteered for these positions.

Lane reminded everyone of our great WAMM Gazette and asked for pictures, events, or stories to put in the Gazette.

The next meeting will be in September. The Department of Forestry from the City of Houston will be our speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.