

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6
(EAST MONTROSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

June 17, 2009

Determine quorum; call to order.

The Board of Directors of Harris County Improvement District No. 6 held a regular meeting, open to the public, on the 17th day of June, 2009, at the Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd., Houston, Texas, at 3:00 p.m., inside the boundaries of the District, and Chairman Grover called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and the roll was called of the duly appointed members of the Board, to-wit:

Position 1: Kathy Hubbard
Position 2: Claude Wynn
Position 3: Michael Grover, *Chairman*
Position 4: Tom Fricke
Position 5: Brad Nagar, *Secretary*
Position 6: Jerry Simoneaux

Position 7: Tammy Manning
Position 8: Allen Ueckert
Position 9: David Robinson
Position 10: Randall Ellis, *Vice Chairman*
Position 11: Gary Wingfield

and all of the above were present with the exception of Directors Simoneaux, Ellis and Wingfield, thus constituting a quorum. Director Ellis joined the meeting in progress at 3:30 p.m. Also present at the meeting were David Hawes, Josh Hawes and Susan Hill, Hawes Hill Calderon; Clark Lord, Vinson and Elkins, L.L.P.; Pat Hall, Equi-Tax, Inc.; Mark Burton, Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.L.P.; and Sylvia Drew, Avondale Civic Association.

Receive public comments.

There were no public comments.

Approve of minutes of previous meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Fricke and being seconded by Director Hubbard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2009 Board meeting.

Consider nomination and recommendation to City Council of approval of six (6) directors whose terms expired June 1, 2009.

Mr. Hawes said six Board members have terms that expire this month, including Chairman Grover and Directors Fricke, Hubbard, Nagar, Simoneaux and Wynn. Upon a motion duly made by Director Wynn and being seconded by Director Nagar, the Board voted unanimously to present the six individuals named to the Mayor and City Council as candidates for reappointment.

Conduct annual review of investment policy and adopt Amended Investment Policy (updating due to new FDIC insurance limit).

Mr. Hawes said the Investment Policy should be reviewed annually and that the FDIC insurance amount has increased to \$250,000 per account since the last review. Upon a motion duly made by Director Manning and being seconded by Director Hubbard, the Board voted unanimously to adopt an amended Investment Policy, as updated to reflect the new FDIC insurance limit.

Adopt Resolution Adopting List of Qualified Broker/Dealers with Whom the District May Engage in Investment Transactions

Mr. Hawes explained that the Investment Policy includes a list of qualified brokers/dealers which has been updated recently to include Plains Bank and Compass Bank. Upon a motion duly made by Director Hubbard and being seconded by Director Fricke, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution adopting a list of qualified broker/dealers with whom the District may engage in investment transactions.

Receive financial report, pay bills.

Mr. Burton briefed the Board and reviewed the financial information that was included in the Board packets. A question arose as to whether the Vinson & Elkins invoices included charges for current legislative work. Mr. Lord said it was his understanding the Board had wanted the work performed, and that it had decided that creation of a new West Montrose management district is in the best interest of the District. In addition, Mr. Lord said he understood that the legal expenses incurred in creating the new District would be split between the two districts. Chairman Grover and Director Wynn both agreed and suggested that the record reflect that the majority of directors concur that the legal work was authorized and should be paid. Mr. Hawes noted that his firm's fees will be paid from assessments collected in the new district. Director Manning asked for a clarification of the budget amount available for website development. Mr. Burton asked Board members about investing some District funds, and Mr. Hawes suggested short-term CDs. Upon a motion duly made by Director Nagar and being seconded by Director Fricke, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial report and pay bills.

Receive Assessment Collection Report and Billing and Assessment Summary.

Ms. Pat Hall briefed the Board and reported that the 2008 assessments are 86% collected to date. She noted that 2007 assessments are 90% collected to date. She added that all delinquent accounts will owe an additional 20% penalty if not paid in full by June 30. No action was taken.

Receive report and consider recommendations from Security and Public Safety Committee report with regard to the following:

Receive Public Safety Patrol Report for the month of May.

Director Nagar reported on the Committee's activities. He said the Committee reviewed patrol reports and mapping at its June 5 meeting. He distributed the East Montrose Patrol Report, May 2009, hereby attached as Exhibit A. He suggested that Ms. Drew should contact him if there any concerns or types of crime activity noted in her neighborhood. He also said he has noticed substantially more ticketing and arrests. No action was taken.

Director Wynn asked that a resolution of support for pedestrian streetscape on Richmond Avenue be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting. Director Robinson distributed copies of the www.richmondrail.org resolution to that effect, hereby attached as Exhibit B. It was mentioned that the current mobility study will include parking if it is part of the right-of-way but that parking lots and off-street structures are not included. Mr. Hawes said parking is a big issue in the community and that it should be studied and addressed when the West Montrose Management District is operational. No action was taken.

Director Hubbard reported on the public art mural that has been installed on an exterior wall of her office building on the corner of Montrose and California. She explained that the project was commissioned by Leadership Houston Class 27, which wanted to dedicate a piece of public art to the City with the theme that diversity is the City's most important component. The mural was created by the Museum of Cultural Arts, Houston, and it was unveiled earlier this month. No action was taken.

Update on participation with other management districts in the Greater Houston Partnership.

Mr. David Hawes explained that the proposal is for several management districts to pool resources to provide the funding necessary to join the Greater Houston Partnership. Membership benefits would include a seat on the GHP Board and the opportunity for all Board members to participate on GHP committees. The cost to the District for a one-year membership would be \$10,000, with four other management districts splitting the total \$50,000 cost. Director Wynn said the membership would be cost-effective because of the opportunity to participate at the highest level in the Partnership. He said the Montrose area is one of the City's assets, yet it deserves more visibility in its external marketing.

Mr. Hawes pointed out that the Partnership is an influential group and is often asked for input in forming policies, both locally and at the State level. He noted that funds to join are available in the Business and Economic Development budget. Upon a motion duly made by Director Manning and being seconded by Director Wynn, the Board voted unanimously to join the Greater Houston Partnership for one year at a cost not to exceed \$833 per month or \$10,000 total.

Receive report with regard to creation of HCID #11 by the Legislature.

Mr. Lord addressed the Board. He said the bill to create HCID #11 was passed on the final day of the 2009 Legislative session and is on the Governor's desk for signature. He said another bill, which enhances the powers of the two boards to consolidate, also passed. He said a merger could take place if the boards of both districts agree to consolidate and following the required public hearings. No action was taken.

Receive Executive Director's Monthly Report on Action Initiatives in Support of the District's Service Plan.

Mr. David Hawes explained that there is a need for an agenda item at next month's meeting to reinstate Director Randall Ellis as a member of the Board. This is due to Director Ellis having missed three consecutive meetings, as stipulated by State statute. No action was taken.

Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Grover adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.





Secretary, Board of Directors

Exhibit A: East Montrose Patrol Report, dated June 17, 2009

Exhibit B: Resolution in Support of Pedestrian Streetscapes on Richmond Avenue by
www.richmondtrain.org, dated May, 2009

East Montrose Patrol

May 2009

5-1-09 V. Beserra 2220-0320hrs

2235hrs- Checked several locations in the 2220 block of W. Dallas

2305hrs- A stalled car was located in the 2200 block of Taft. The vehicle was moved from the roadway.

2333hrs- A disturbance was observed in the 4300 block of Montrose. The officer was able to settle the disturbance at the scene.

0029hrs- Checked locations in the 2900 block of Helena.

0040hrs- Checked by with officers working an extra job in the 4300 block of Montrose in regards to a disturbance. Both males were escorted out of the area.

0145hrs- A disturbance was observed in the 2220 block of W. Dallas. The disturbance was settled at the scene and the people were escorted out of the area.

0300hrs- While on patrol the officer working heard loud music at Taft and Westheimer. The music was turned down.

5-3-09 D. Molina 2315-0415hrs

0000hrs- A suspicious person was observed in the 800 block of Fairview. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

0016hrs- Checked City Vista located at 2221 W. Dallas.

0057hrs- While on patrol the officer working observed a minor accident at Jack and Oakley. The officer contacted a on-duty unit to take the scene.

0255hrs- A male was observed urinating in the 900 block of W. Alabama. The officer issued the male a citation.

0320hrs- A person was observed lying on the ground at Montrose and Welch. The male was arrested for public intoxication.

0402hrs- Checked locations in the 1000 block of Richmond.

5-7-09 V. Beserra 2315-0415hrs

2230hrs- Suspicious male in the 1100 block of Columbus. The male was checked and escorted out of the neighborhood.

2345hrs- Checked locations in the 800 block of Fargo.

0025hrs- A suspicious male was observed in the 200 block of Hyde Park. The male was issued a citation for littering.

0055hrs- While on patrol the officer working checked by with on-duty units in the 3300 block of Montrose in regards to a burglary of a motor vehicle in progress. The officer checked the area but was unable to locate anyone.

0145hrs- Checked locations in the 4300 block of Montrose.

0219hrs- Checked locations in the area of Taft and Gray.

5-8-09 V. Beserra 2200-0300hrs

2245hrs- Checked locations in the 2200 block of W. Dallas.

2330hrs- Two suspicious males in the 200 block of Avondale. Both males were checked and escorted out of the area.

2330hrs- Person lying on the ground in the area of Jackson and Montrose. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

0020hrs- Checked locations in the 4400 block of Montrose.

0045hrs- Loud party on top of parking garage in the 2200 block of W. Dallas. The officer was able to break the party up.

0140hrs- While on patrol the officer working checked by on an assist the officer call in the 300 block of Avondale. The call was found to be false.

5-9-09 D. Molina 0000-0500hrs

0025hrs- Loud party in the 1100 block of Columbus. The party was broken up.

0040hrs- Checked locations in the 1000 block of Richmond.

0050hrs- Checked locations in the 900 block of W. Alabama.

0145hr-A suspicious person was observed in the 3400 block of Roseland. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

0233hrs- Checked locations in the 1000 block of Richmond.

0400hrs- While on patrol the officer working checked by on a burglary of a building in the 2300 block of Stanford. The officer arrived and just found several people standing in front of the building. The males were escorted out of the area.

0447hrs- Checked City Vista located in the 2200 block of W. Dallas.

5-10-09 J. Ornelas 2200-0300hrs

2230hrs- Checked locations in the 1000 block of Richmond.

2300hrs- Suspicious person in the 400 block of Hawthorne. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

0010hrs- Checked locations in the 3300 block of Montrose.

0125hrs- Checked locations in the 4300 block of Montrose.

0220hrs- A suspicious person was observed walking in the 700 block of Fairview. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

5-15-09 V. Beserra 2200-0300hrs

2230hrs- Suspicious person in the 2300 block of Grant. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

2315hrs- Illegal parking complaint in the 1200 block of Columbus. The officer issued a parking citation.

00200hrs- Checked several locations in the 2900 block of Helena.

0040hrs- Loud party in the 2200 block of W. Dallas. The officer was able to break up the party.

0100hrs- Checked locations in the 2200 block of Montrose.

0200hrs- Observed 3 prostitutes in the 200 block of Avondale. The males were checked and escorted out of the area.

0215hrs- Checked locations in the 2400 block of Converse.

5-16-09 D. Molina 2315-0415hrs

0000hrs- A suspicious male was observed in the 400 block of Marshall. The male was checked and released.

0034hrs- Checked locations in the 2200 block of W. Dallas.

0100hrs- A male was observed urinating in public in the 800 block of Hawthorne. The male was issued a citation.

0129hrs- Checked locations in the 1000 block of Richmond.

0150hrs- Checked by on a suicide in progress in the 3300 block of Montrose. The person was transported to Ben Taub Hospital by HFD.

0300hrs- A minor accident was on-viewed in the 2700 block of Taft. The accident was handled by on-duty units.

5-17-09 J. Ornelas 2200-0300hrs

2215hrs- Checked locations in the 300 block of W. Alabama.

2310hrs- Checked locations in the 400 block of W. Gray

0000hrs- Suspicious male in the 1000 block of Richmond. The male turned out to be a security guard.

0054hrs- Checked by on a suicide in progress in the 3600 block of Avondale. The call was found to be false.

0200hrs- Suspicious male in the area of W. Dallas and Montrose. The male was given a criminal trespass warning and was escorted out of the area.

5-22-09 L. Laureano 2200-0300hrs

2300hrs- Suspicious male in the 900 block of Westheimer. The male was issued a citation for walking in the street where side walk provided.

2325hrs- Checked by on an assault in progress. The officer checked the area but was unable to locate the assault.

0000hrs- Checked locations in the 900 block of W. Alabama.

0030hrs- Checked apartment complexes in the 2200 block of W. Dallas.

0056hrs- Checked locations in the 4800 block of Greely.

5-22-09 V. Beserra 2200-0300hrs

2223hrs- Checked locations in the 1200 block of Stanford

2245hrs- Loud noise call in the area of Taft and Westheimer. The music was turned down.

2335hrs- Three suspicious males in the 800 block of Fargo. The males were checked and one was arrested for outstanding warrants. The other two males were escorted out of the area.

0010hrs- Checked by on an assault in progress on W. Alabama. The call was handled by on-duty units.

0100hrs- suspicious males in the area of Avondale and Mason. The males were checked and released.

0120hrs- Suspicious male in the 1300 block of Taft. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

0200hrs- Suspicious vehicle in the 2400 block of Taft. The occupants were checked and released.

5-23-09 D. Monlina 2145-0245hrs

2155hrs- Suspicious male walking around outside of a residence. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

2213hrs- Suspicious males hanging outside residence in the 600 block of Pierce. The males were asked to go inside the home.

2239hrs- Suspicious male in the 500 block of Sul Ross. The male was arrested for criminal trespassing.

2330hrs- Checked locations in the 2200 block of W. Dallas.

0039hrs- Suspicious person in the 200 block of Avondale. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

0108hrs- Homeless male sleeping in the 1000 block of Clay. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

5-24-09 A. Grindt 1030-1430hrs

1050hrs- Checked locations in the 2300 block of Grant.

1150hrs- Checked locations in the area of Lovett and Montrose.

1203hrs- Suspicious person in the 1000 block of Richmond. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

1225hrs- suspicious person in the 200 block of W. Alabama. The male was checked and released.

1230hrs- Suspicious vehicle in the 3500 block of Burlington. The occupants were checked and escorted out of the area.

5-24-09 J. Ornelas 2300-0400hrs

2320hrs- Checked locations in the 300 block of W. Alabama.

2355hrs- Checked locations in the 3300 block of Montrose

0110hrs- Suspicious person in the 2300 block of Montrose at the Auto Zone. The male was given a criminal trespass warning and escorted out of the area.

0200hrs- Checked locations in the 4300 block of Montrose

0230hrs- Suspicious vehicle in the 4300 block of Kyle. Several males found in vehicle. All occupants checked and escorted out of the area.

0330hrs- Suspicious person in the 400 block of Hyde Park

5-28-09 L. Laureano 2200-0300hrs

2228hrs- Responded to a hold-up panic alarm in the 1600 block of W. Dallas. The alarm was found to be false.

2300hrs- Checked locations in the 900 block of W. Alabama.

2321hrs- Suspicious vehicle in the 2200 block of W. Dallas. The occupants were checked and escorted out of the area.

0030hrs- Two suspicious males in the 3300 block of Stanford, walking in the middle of the street. Both males were checked and escorted out of the area.

0130hrs- Checked locations in the 300 block of W. Alabama.

-29-09 V. Beserra 2200-0300hrs

2230hrs- Male trespassing in the 3200 block of Stanford. The male was given a warning and escorted out of the area.

2240hrs- Male walking in the middle of the street with a shopping cart in the 800 block of Sulress. The male was issued a citations for possession of a shopping cart and walking in the street.

2255hrs- Checked locations in the 900 block of Fairview.

0010hrs- Checked by with on-duty units in the 1000 block of Richmond in regards to a disturbance. Both males were checked and escorted out of the area.

0100hrs- Flagged down in the 800 block of Westheimer in regards to a burglary of a motor vehicle. Vehicle was broken into and items were taken. A report was entered.

0200hrs- Male trespassing in the 900 block of Richmond. The male was escorted off the property.

5-30-09 A. Grindt 1030-1430hrs

1115hrs- Checked locations in the 3300 block of Montrose.

1127hrs- Suspicious vehicle in the area of Jack and Sulross. The occupants were checked and escorted out of the area.

1150hrs- Male trespassing in the 4500 block of Yoakum. The male was checked and escorted out of the area.

1209hrs- Suspicious person in the 3200 block of Montrose. The male was given a trespass warning and escorted out of the area.

1240hrs- Checked locations in the 2300 block of Montrose.

1355hrs- Assisted with traffic control at a major accident at Lovett and Montrose.

5-30-09 D. Molina 2330-0430hrs

2345hrs- checked locations in the 800 block of Westheimer.

2350hrs- Several males standing outside drinking in the 800 block of Fairview. The males were asked to go back inside.

0012hrs- Suspicious males in the area of Lovett at Yoakum. The males were checked and escorted out of the area.

0125hrs- Checked locations in the 2200 block of W. Dallas.

0320hrs- Checked locations in the 1000 block of Richmond.

0400hrs- Suspicious males in the 100 block of Avondale. The males were checked and released.

5-31-09 D. Molina 2230-0330hrs

2305hrs- Suspicious Vehicle in the 900 block of Hyde Park. The vehicle was stopped and the occupants were checked and escorted out of the area.

2331hrs- Checked locations in the 2200 block of W. Dallas.

2341hrs- Suspicious person in the 3200 block of Montrose. The male was given a trespass warning and released.

0010hrs- checked by with on-duty units in regards to an assault in progress in the 600 block of Fairview. The call was cleared by the on-duty unit.

0105hrs- on-viewed a disturbance in the 800 block of Pacific. The disturbance was settled at the scene.

0300- checked locations in the 800 block of Westheimer.

Resolution of support for pedestrian streetscape on Richmond Avenue

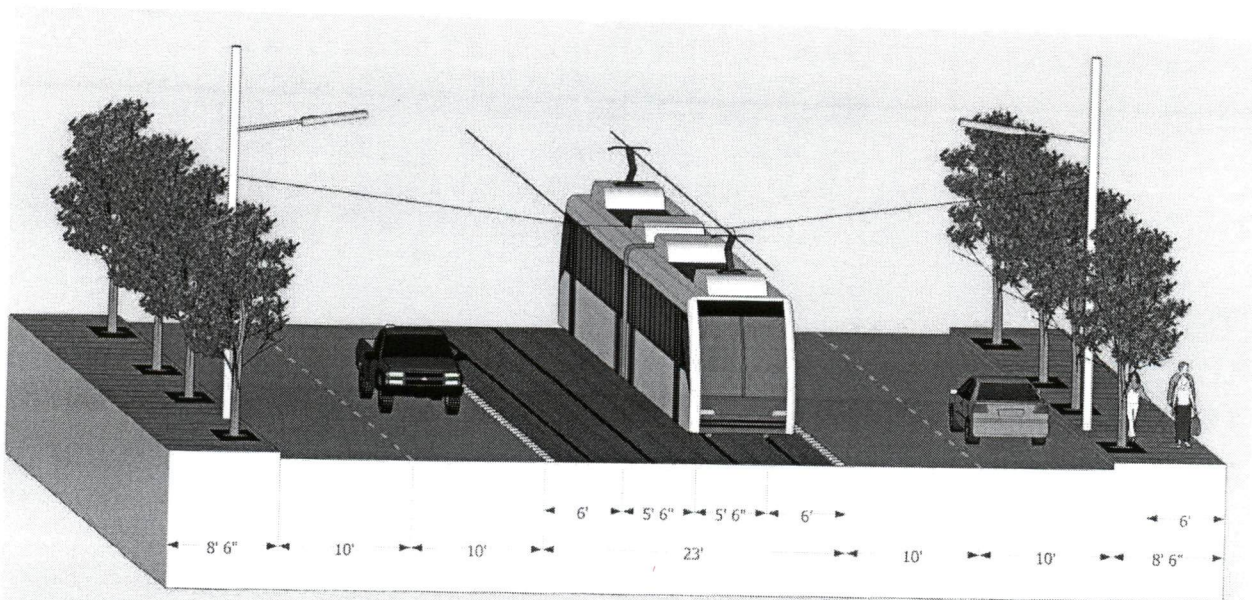
We know that:

- Neartown already has a lot of people making trips on foot, thanks to a relatively high population density, a diverse mix of stores, restaurants, museums, and institutions near residential areas, and a well-connected street grid created when it was a transit-oriented neighborhood.
- More people would walk in Neartown if there were a continuous, adequate, comfortable, and safe sidewalk network.
- The opening of the University Light Rail Line will offer Neartown residents, employees, students, and visitors a convenient and attractive alternative to driving, but to use the line, people will need to be able to walk safely and comfortably to and from stations.
- Neartown is becoming increasingly dense, and a key to accommodating this density is to allow more people to walk and use transit.
- Richmond Avenue is one of Neartown's most important streets, and it must accommodate transit riders, pedestrians, and drivers and serve as an asset to the community.
- Rail construction presents an opportunity to upgrade an aging infrastructure and minimize future disruptions.

The new Richmond streetscape will be an integral part of our community for decades to come. A good design will enhance the community, reduce traffic by allowing people to walk and use transit, and make Neartown more livable. A bad design will harm the community.

We resolve:

We want the following minimum street cross-section on Richmond between Kirby and Spur 527 in the segments between stations. This section is limited to the existing 80-foot right-of-way, avoiding the taking of private property.



Recommended allocation of 80-foot right of way on Richmond Ave.
www.richmondrail.org

- A **8'6" pedestrian realm** (measured face of curb to property line) with a **6-foot pedestrian clear zone** (unobstructed by any utilities, street furniture, or trees) with **trees** located between the clear zone and the curb. To this end, the trees must be centered 2' from the curb in tree wells covered with grates, and all poles, signs, fire hydrants, etc. must be entirely located within 2'6" of face of the curb (or 2'0" of back of curb for a 6" curb.) Where circumstances allow it, the pedestrian realm should be a full 15'0."
- **Two 10-foot traffic lanes in each direction.** 10-foot lanes are wide enough for all street-legal vehicles but narrow enough to discourage speeding, improving safety for drivers and pedestrians. Furthermore, 10-foot lanes will maximize the pedestrian realm: wider traffic lanes mean less space for people.
- **A 23-foot wide light rail trackway.** This is wide enough to safely accommodate two light rail trains on straight track with the train's overhead wires supported off the streetlight poles, not poles in the center of the street.
- **Tracks set in grass** to reduce noise, reduce runoff, and discourage drivers from accidentally driving on the tracks.
- **Pedestrian crossings**, either signalized or unsignalized, of Richmond at **every side street** and at **both ends of each station platform**. This enables pedestrians and bicyclists to directly access the entire corridor.
- **Underground phone, cable, and electric utility wires.** This reduces the number of poles in the sidewalk, protects trees, and increases reliability in hurricanes and other high wind conditions. The most cost-effective time to do this is during street reconstruction.
- **Coordination between METRO, the City of Houston and utility companies** in planning, scheduling and implementing these improvements. We expect the parties to work together to minimize disruption and mitigate the impacts of construction to Neartown businesses, institutions and residents.

We work, live, study, and play in Neartown. This is our community, and we care about it. We resolve that the City of Houston, METRO, and private utilities should follow these recommendations and work with residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to make Richmond the best street it can be.

Adopted by:

Organization _____

Mailing address _____ Zip _____

Number of households /members _____

Officer signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____ Title _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

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