

**West University Place
SENIORS BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2021**

Presiding: Selby Clark

The virtual meeting called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Roll call: Present: Judy Faulkner, George Hilderbrandt, Joan Johnson, Carlos De La Torre, Karen Kenny, Selby Clark (chair), Carol O'Neill, Tom Brombacher, Candace TenBrink, Candyce Beneke, Susan Davis, Ann Crowley, Toby Brooks and Susan White, John Barnes (Council Liaison) Mardi Turner (GNT). **Absent:** Stan McCandless, George Baker, Elizabeth Wilder, **Guests:** Kevin Trautner (City Council)

Minutes: December minutes approved by Candace TenBrink, seconded by Karen Kenny.

1. **Citizen Comments:** None.

Council Meeting Report: John Barnes

2. Covid-19: 21% Positive Statewide. Locally 400+ week. Spike in cases: 39 cases before Christmas, 120 new active.
3. Buffalo Speedway-Always two lanes both ways. Buffalo Bridge closed at this time.
4. Workshop: 56 Pole locations-existing poles + new.

Parks and Recreation: Susan White

1. Parks: Rollback did not affect fitness classes. Still at 50% for social spacing.
2. Colonial Park East: New features, equipment, paint and solar lights. Friends of West U Parks, received \$50,000 sponsor donation.
3. Survey: Dr. Walker prelim results by next meeting, February 11, 2021
4. Huffington Park Project: More open green space. Arbor will be removed to create better sight lines.
5. S.P.I.R.I.T. Core Values, and Christmas Light Show links will be sent.

APAC Report: Karen Kenny APAC Minutes sent via email.

1. Covid-19 Update: Vaccine supply and demand: March looks promising per The Houston Health Department.
2. If interested in becoming a Texas Silver-Haired Legislator, please remit application to The Harris County Area on Aging.

Good Neighbor Team: Mardi Turner

1. Valentine's Day Cards addressed, signed, and will be mailed at the beginning of February. A message from the Good Neighbor Team will include a Holiday trash schedule, E-Waste and Mattress Collection dates and Bulk Trash Service.

Senior Services report: Toby Brooks

1. Mardi mentioned Elvis Birthday Cupcake Giveaway, Hat Day Contest, upcoming Ed Heathcott event. Encouraged members to sign up.
2. Upcoming: NCL Post Oak will be sponsoring Tea Month (February) NCL Heart of Texas preparing heart shaped fleece pillows for delivery in February.
3. Dorothy Zink has inquired of Selby Clark, (Comfort Keepers) regarding suggestions about administering vaccines to homebound residents. Requires nurse or pharmacist. No

homebound suggestion as of yet. John Barnes will inquire to Aaron Taylor regarding in home services.

- 4 New: Virtual Passport Program by appointment only, one person at a time. Idea behind this program is to stimulate those who have had little contact during the pandemic. Encouraged Senior Board to experience the VR machine to pass along the information of this Pilot Program that includes virtual hang-gliding, swimming with dolphins, the Milky Way etc. Judy Faulkner participated and lent her positive experience.

Old Business

- 1) None.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m. Judy Faulkner made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Candyce Beneke seconded it.

Submitted: Patricia Noren