

# Braeburn Valley Civic Association

Sections I & II

## Minutes

February 16, 2022

### Braeburn Valley Civic Association Meeting

Location: Bayland Park 6400 Bissonet St

Board Members: Bert Ruiz President (present)

Darren Spriggs Treasurer (present)

John Loe Vice President (present)

Matt Williams At Large (not present)

Barbara Haney Treasurer (present)

- I. Meeting called to order by Bert Ruiz, 6:35 pm.
- II. Bert Ruiz introduced the board
- III. 6:40 Review and Approval of September 15, 2021 Minutes approved by Ted Holubec and George Mercado seconded it.
- IV. 6:50 Treasurer's Report by Darren Spriggs
  - Balance as of 12/31 \$80364.43
  - 2022 Annual Fees: Total outstanding \$5400 in unpaid dues.
- V. Bonham Acres Traffic Control Study supported by a presentation provided by Tristan Russo
  - Bert Ruiz shared that the Board of Braeburn valley I and II had provided a letter of support to Bonham Acres for their application to the city to look at traffic flow in their neighborhood and shared that the city has agreed to support a study.

Bert Ruiz shared that the City of Houston Public Works will support the exploration of a temporary, and eventually possible permanent traffic control structure on Wanda between Fondren and Braes Bayou. This process may launch within six months; however, nothing will happen without following a set protocol with the city and both neighborhoods and receiving approvals of city officials and both neighborhoods. Funding for the project may come from District J Council office. A study to determine how traffic is affected in both neighborhoods will determine how we move forward with a permanent structure.

The presentation from Tristan Russo, resident and committee member, demonstrated where the barriers could be located, estimated costs, and design options. Any temporary and permanent structure would need city design approval and support from residents.

Bert Ruiz shared that he believes the permanent divider will help with traffic control, which keeps the community walkable eliminates speeding, accidents, property damage and addresses the issue of crime Some residents believe that vehicles drive through Bonham Acres, enter Braeburn Valley Dr, fire guns towards Bonham park and the golf course because of the access on Wanda. Adding a barrier on Wanda where the two neighborhood boundaries meet would eliminate vehicular access into Braeburn Valley and also reduce traffic entering Bonham Acres from Fondren. The idea shared is that if cars can enter Braeburn Valley on Wanda, then they won't need to enter into Bonham Acres because the access is eliminated.

One of the residents mentioned that having the barrier at Wanda will prevent vehicles driving into his house at the end of Wanda and the corner of Braes Bayou and Oldhaven. That home was damaged multiple times due to vehicles speeding, ignoring the stop sign, and losing control.

Bert Ruiz reiterated the city would then hold a meeting with the residents and other stakeholders that the structure(s) would impact before moving forward.

Other topics mentioned included the shootings at the Michoacana meat market and the neighborhood park.

- I. 7:40 Move to adjourn by Chad Welling, and motion seconded by Lance Rosborough.