



Southgate News

November 2007

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 at **Rice Temple Baptist Church**, 6409 Greenbriar at McClendon. Please try to attend. Your input is important to the neighborhood. The Agenda will include:

- **Efforts towards Refining Southgate's Deed Restrictions**
- **Civic Club Elections**
- **Other Issues of Interest**

Election of Civic Club Officers

Elections for Civic Club Officers will take place at the November 27th Civic Club meeting. The elected positions include President, three Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. Please remember that only Civic Club members who are current in their dues are allowed under the bylaws to vote on Civic Club matters. **If you haven't paid your**

dues, you can still do so – send \$50 to Southgate Civic Club, 2260 West Holcombe, #162, Houston, TX 77030.

The slate put forward by the nominating committee is shown below. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

-President: Neil Kelly

-Vice Presidents: Bill Burge, Curt Frisby and Veljko Roskar

-Treasurer: John Boom **-Secretary:** Andrew McCullough

Which Section of Southgate do I live in?

Section 1: North side of Southgate Blvd and all Streets north with exception of the Annex

Section 2: Southside of Southgate Blvd

Section 3: McClendon and all streets south of McClendon

Annex: Block west of Travis from University to Dryden.

Highlights of the October Meeting

Guest: The Honorable Anne Clutterbuck, Houston City Council.

Council Member Clutterbuck discussed the current traffic mitigation plan for Southgate. This plan includes:

1. **Removal** of the barrier on Southgate Blvd. east of Travis.
2. **Installation** of a new barrier on Southgate Blvd. west of Travis. The new barrier will extend across both Southgate Blvd. and Addison and prevent traffic from entering or exiting these streets at the eastern border of the neighborhood.
3. **Not allowing** traffic to turn onto either Swift or McClendon from Travis. This will prevent traffic exiting the Medical Center from entering these neighborhood-internal streets. Button medians will be installed at these intersections to encourage compliance. There will be no extended sections of 1-way traffic flow.

Ms. Clutterbuck indicated that implementation of these steps is imminent and their effectiveness will be reviewed annually.

Several questions were raised. Some of these and Ms Clutterbuck's replies are paraphrased:

Question: What about traffic flowing into the Medical Center from McClendon and Swift? This plan seems like only a half solution?

Answer: This is the best that the city can offer now. The city will not completely close all of the streets at this time. This plan targets the rush of cars leaving the Medical Center at the end of the workday.

Question: What about Dryden and University? Won't this plan increase traffic on these streets?

Answer: The city is unable to modify the traffic flow on either University or Dryden.

Question: Are there traffic data to support the need for these changes?

Answer: The plan is in response to many years of requests from the Southgate Civic Club that something be done about traffic cutting through Southgate.

Question: What ordinance allows the city to take this action?

Answer: None required.

Question: What will the new barrier look like?

Answer: Same as the old one.

Follow up question: How about something more durable and attractive?

Answer: Will investigate.

Council Member Clutterbuck also reported that a pedestrian stoplight would be installed on Greenbrier near Robert's Elementary School. This light will function when button-activated by a pedestrian.

Traffic Speed Issue (Neil Kelly)

The Civic Club is investigating the purchase of electronic signs that display the speed of oncoming cars (similar to those on Buffalo Speedway in West University Place). These

signs might be placed on Greenbrier, University and Montclair. The signs are about \$4000 each, solar powered and mobile. This project is in a very early fact- finding phase.

Deed Restriction Update (Neil Kelly and Catherine Leachman)

A survey inquiring about potential changes to Southgate section 1 and section 2 deed restrictions was distributed with the September *Southgate News*.

About 60 completed surveys were returned to the Civic Club and are being reviewed. More information will follow in upcoming meetings.

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Architectural Review Committee

Thinking about remodeling? If you have plans to remodel your house or garage and it involves the exterior, you should have your plans reviewed by the architectural review committee. This committee will look at your plans and make sure that they conform to the deed restrictions of the neighborhood. Having your plans reviewed will avoid the possibility that you get half way through a project only to discover that there is a violation of some kind requiring a costly change in plans. You may not know that Southgate as a whole is made up of four separate sections, each with different deed restriction language. So just because you see something in one part of Southgate, or even across the street, it doesn't necessarily mean that it conforms to the restrictions in your section. **Contact Roger M. Cooner at (713) 822-4270, to arrange for the committee to review your plans.**

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Include my information in the upcoming Southgate Directory Yes _____ No _____

Feel free to contact any of your Civic Club officers with neighborhood information or with your interests and concerns about your neighborhood and Civic Club.

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