

# Southgate Civic Club

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTHGATE CIVIC CLUB

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

ROBERTS CAFETERIA

Officers

Present: Sebastian Gass, President  
Caroline Freeman, Treasurer  
Camille Jenman, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Mr. Gass thanked the architecture review committee, the Rice Liaison (Hubie Law) and the Traffic committee chair (Bill Sanderford) for their efforts.

Mr. Gass reflected on the accomplishments during his two years as president – regular civic club meetings and newsletters were resurrected, new traffic devices were installed, a \$20,000 contribution to RACS from Greystar Development was secured and a new website was launched.

### **Election of Officers (Sebastian Gass and Katherine Putnam):**

Sebastian Gass explained the nomination committee process. The nomination committee is made up of civic club members Greg Wehrer, Katherine Putnam and George Moody. The committee solicited nominations for the elected positions and selected a slate of candidates. Mr. Gass verified that there was a quorum of at least ten active civic members present at the meeting.

Katherine Putnam presented the slate of candidates for the elected positions:

President – John Indelli

Vice Presidents – Greg Wehrer, Michael Putnam and Sebastian Gass

Treasurer – Caroline Freeman

Secretary – Camille Jenman

Mr. Indelli introduced himself and stated that his goal is to preserve the character of the neighborhood.

Ms. Putnam then requested nominations from the floor for all positions. There were no nominations from the floor. Ms. Putnam then moved that the proposed slate of candidates be approved by acclamation; the motion was seconded and approved.

### **Rice update (Hubie Law):**

- There had been complaints about the state of the Rice owned lot on the corner of Lanier and University. Rice looked into it and it turns out that lot is part of the University's investment portfolio and therefore is maintained by an outside maintenance crew whereas the lot on Travis and University is maintained by the Rice facilities crew. Rice is making efforts to ensure that both lots are maintained at the same high level.

- The new facility going up on campus is a performing arts center
- There will be a concrete pour on the coming Friday morning at 4:30 am

**UPA Update:**

Greenbriar construction starting in January; they will be doubling up crews over the Summer.

**Treasury report (Caroline Freeman):**

\$121,000 in the bank account. Paid \$5,000 in attorneys' fees for the McClendon and MacArther subdivision issue.

**RACS Update (Michael Putnam):**

November newsletter is coming out soon. There has been a rash of car burglaries. Reminded everyone to lock their cars and not to leave anything visible in their cars. The new constable (Deputy Kevin Taylor) has been issuing lots of tickets and has been very visible. Membership is flat – 25% for whole area, 33% for Southgate. We have a new webmaster volunteer.

**Architecture Committee Update (Mary Anne Piacentini):**

We now have information on the Southgate website ([www.houstonsouthgate.org](http://www.houstonsouthgate.org)) about architectural reviews. There have been a lot of questions about setbacks – the setbacks are different in the different sections of the neighborhood. We have talked about revising the deed restrictions – the process will cost a lot of money in attorney's fees and will require 75% consent of homeowners – need to form a committee to take up this task. Minimum lot size restrictions will protect us from becoming a townhome community. If someone is not maintaining their yard properly, you can call 311.

Meeting was adjourned.