

EAST END DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 27, 2024

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the East End District (the "District" or "EED") met in regular session, open to the public, at 3211 Harrisburg, Houston, Texas 77003 on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. The roll was called for the members of the Board, to-wit:

Position 1	Anna Deans	
Position 2	Blanca Blanco	Secretary
Position 3	Stephen Quezada	Chairman
Position 4	Vacant	
Position 5	Roy Lira	
Position 6	Joe Meppelink	Assistant Treasurer
Position 7	Lani Baker	
Position 8	Jose Valdez	
Position 9	Erik Ibarra	
Position 10	Vacant	
Position 11	Taryn Sims	Assistant Secretary
Position 12	Elliot Barner	Vice Chairman
Position 13	Chude Chike-Obi	
Position 14	Marjorie Peña	
Position 15	Victoria Macalino	

and all of the above were present except Directors Deans, Quezada, Meppelink, Sims, and Peña, thereby establishing a quorum.

Also present during all or part of the meeting were Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, the District's President; Eva Quiroz, the District's Administrative Services Manager; Dan Joyce, the District's Vice President; Erick Retana, the District's Director of Operations; Jack Hanagriff, the District's Railroad Safety and Mobility Coordinator; Robert Ruiz the District's Public Safety Coordinator; Ariel Robinstein, the District's Operations Coordinator; Markisha Sampson of Your Part-Time Controller, LLC; Seargent Alvarado of Harris County Precinct 6 ("Precinct 6"); Patrick Ezzell of Coastal Builders; Captain Moreno of the Houston Fire Department; and Laura Davis (virtually) and Audrey Lyons (Paralegal) of Sanford Kuhl Hagan Kugle Parker Kahn LLP.

In the absence of Chairman Quezada, Vice Chairman Barner called the meeting to order.

Item 1. Receive Public Comments in accordance with adopted procedures.

Captain Moreno addressed the Board and discussed EMS related calls and fire code enforcement.

Item 2. Consent Agenda.

- a. **Assessments.** Receive report on collection of assessments and authorize appropriate action.
- b. **Minutes.** Approve minutes of previous Board meeting(s).

- c. **Emergency Action Delegation to Executive Committee.** Consider and approve authorization of the East End District Executive Committee to make decisions on behalf of the East End District for the month of July 2024.

The Board considered approving the Consent Agenda. Director Valdez moved to approve items a. and b. on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Blanco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President Chapa Gorczynski reviewed the emergency action delegation procedure. Director Lira moved to approve items c. on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Ibarra seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 3. Board Appointment.

This item was deferred.

Item 4. Financial Reports.

Ms. Sampson reviewed the monthly Financial Reports for May 2024, including the Investment Report as of May 31, 2024 (the "Reports").

After discussion, Director Valdez moved to approve the Report, as presented. Director Lira seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 5. Investment Report.

The June 30 quarterly report will be presented at the August meeting.

Item 6. Security Report.

Director Chike-Obi entered the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Sergeant Alvarado reported on criminal activity in the District for the month of May 2024. No action was necessary.

Mr. Joyce discussed hotpot areas within the District and stated he is investigating other initiatives to address them.

Mr. Hanagriff briefed the Board on an initiative in the District to use technology, which is being donated to the District, to develop best practices to reduce safety concerns in the area. He stated the initiative will include the development of Safety and Security Collaborative among businesses to share the best practices with business owners.

Item 7. Second Amendment to the Agreement Between Harris County.

President Chapa Gorczynski next reviewed a second amendment to the agreement between Harris County and East End District to authorize funds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000

for Precinct 6 patrol officer overtime pay. After discussion, Director Blanco moved to approve the Agreement. Director Valdez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Item 8. Civility Ordinance Report.

Mr. Joyce reviewed the final Civility Ordinance map, the petition process, and potential timeframe for completion. He stated that the canvassing for petitions commenced June 26. No action was necessary.

Item 9. Road and Rail Safety Program.

President Chapa Gorczynski next discussed the District application for additional funds from the Federal Highway Administration for the upcoming FY24 Safe Streets for All Grant. Mr. Hanagriff discussed the expansion of the Action Plan being developed with funds from the first grant award and reviewed potential projects if the District receives the second grant. President Chapa Gorczynski stated that the next step is to draft the application. She also stated that she is working with the Finance Committee to ensure that the District can meet the financial obligations.

Item 10. METRO University Corridor.

President Chapa Gorczynski stated that she attended a planning committee meeting at which a presentation on the University Corridor project was made, including the revenue required to implement the project. She stated that METRO has shelved the University Corridor project at this time.

Item 11. Houston Bike Share.

President Chapa Gorczynski stated that Houston Bike Share has announced discontinuation of its "Houston BCycle" program.

Item 12. President's Report – District Overview.

Mr. Retana on the graffiti abatement program, illegal dumping and right of way clean up.

Mr. Ezzell updated the Board on the status of the Roundabout and sidewalk improvements.

Mr. Joyce reported on the activity at the navigation market, including maintenance performed at the Esplanade and the addition of shade structures and articulating fans.

Mr. Joyce then reviewed marketing outreach and efforts and stated that Ricky Cardenas was hired to fill the marketing and communications position.

Mr. Joyce updated the Board on EEIC and stated that the EEIC received a \$400,000 grant award from Houston Endowment, to be spent equally over a two-year period to cover operational support costs.

Item 13. Executive Session, if Necessary.

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.

Item 14. Reconvene in Open Session.

The Board did not convene in Executive Session.

Item 15. Adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.



Blanca E. Blanco
East End District