

Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council  
Leadership Team Meeting  
Monday, July 14, 2025

Present: Kalina Pritchard, Christine Larsen, Karey Sabol, Alex Marsh

Meeting convened: 5:00 pm

- I. Minutes: Minutes from April were approved.
- II. Discussion:
  - a. General Meeting Recap:
    - i. Great turnout, likely best in recent memory, despite heavy wind. Attendees specifically mentioned receiving the mailers and seeing the sandwich boards.
    - ii. Attendees were very engaged, especially for the legislator and City Council discussions
    - iii. Great agenda, topics for discussion; other neighborhoods are starting to emulate pieces of this.
    - iv. Informal questions came up about the HOA and what the Neighborhood Council Leadership Team is responsible vs. the HOA. A future project could be to provide some clarification (ex. FAQ sheet) to the neighborhood about who they should contact for what services/issues.
  - b. Neighborhood Survey Updates
    - i. Only online responses (25) have been tabulated so far. The paper surveys (approximately 25 more) will be entered and results updated.
    - ii. Preliminary results based on online responses:
      1. Priority Issues:
        - a. **Parks and Recreation:** priority score 3.2 out of 5. Open comments included the need for more trails, better park maintenance, the feeling that the neighborhood is lacking critical connectivity.
        - b. **Open Space Protection:** priority score 3.4 out of 5. Open comments included the need for more trails, open space, and better connectivity.
        - c. **Traffic Management:** priority score 3.56 out of 5. Open comments included that traffic speeds are too fast, bike lanes start and end, the need for speed deterrents, more parking needed for apartments.
        - d. **Increased Public Transport:** priority score 3.04 out of 5. Open comments yielded very polarizing comments. People are both for and against increasing public transport, in roughly equal measure.
        - e. **Emergency Preparedness:** priority score 3.52 out of 5. Open comments included that increased density has led to evacuation from and entry of emergency services to the neighborhood increasingly difficult, plus the need for a neighborhood watch.

- f. **Safety and Crime Prevention:** priority score 3.68 out of 5. Open comments gave the impression that safety and crime prevention are very important to the neighborhood and that they are well managed for now. Importance of maintaining current levels.
      - g. **Living with Wildlife:** priority score 3.2 out of 5. Open comments were few.
    - 2. Biggest concerns: traffic, access, lack of trails, connectivity, neighborhood design, safety
    - 3. What neighbors appreciate most: quiet, parks, walkable, safe, family atmosphere
    - 4. Demographics of survey respondents: 20 owners, 3 renters' good age distribution
    - 5. Discussion: results to date indicate that the top priorities for action are Open Space Protection, Traffic Management, and Emergency Preparedness. Although Safety and Crime Prevention received the highest priority vote, open comments led us to believe that immediate action is not important but steps to maintain the safety of the neighborhood will be valuable in the long run.
    - 6. Next steps: The survey received a fairly low response rate, so we will continue to seek feedback from the neighborhood.
      - a. Neighborhoods Office will input the paper surveys and send results to the Leadership Team
      - b. LT will define our survey goals and strategy at August meeting and design a yield strategy for getting more input. Suggestions included:
        - i. Hiring door-to-door survey takers
        - ii. Placing sandwich board encouraging survey participation in the Fall
        - iii. Work with Hellgate Elementary to send the survey to families in the Fall
        - iv. Doing another mailer focused only on the survey
  - c. Neighborhood Action Plan
    - i. LT should line up presentations related to the priority issues identified above for the next few months in order to gather information that will help us establish action plan goals.
    - ii. Next month: Finalize a plan for survey continuation and begin to identify action plan priorities.
    - iii. Prioritize communication with neighbors throughout the process. Suggestions included:
      - 1. Consider a community "bulletin board"
      - 2. Include preliminary results and next steps with survey distribution.
      - 3. Encourage people to sign up for "notify me"
- III. Leadership Team Election: the LT voted for Alex Marsh to join the Leadership Team. Welcome Alex!

IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Meeting adjourned: about 6:15 pm