

Report from SNA Chair – Cindy Chapman
For February 11, 2019 SNA Meeting

Dear Delegates from the Super Neighborhood Councils of Houston,

In an effort to shorten our February meeting, I am submitting my report in writing. I am honored to have been elected to serve as Chair of the Super Neighborhood Alliance at the January meeting. This is a special year, because on June 7 of 1999, Mayor Lee Brown launched the Super Neighborhood concept. June 7 is our 20th birthday! I encourage all of our councils to work toward strengthening existing councils and to assist those who are exploring how to create new councils. I look forward to getting to know you and your Super Neighborhood Councils better this year.

Please note that this February 2019 Meeting will be different than usual, both for schedule and location. METRO Chair Tom Lambert is our main speaker, so METRO is hosting us at their site. Since METRO is providing light refreshments, we will try a different time schedule in February to allow more time for our delegates to meet and interact, and to provide comments and feedback for improvement of the Alliance and our councils.

Meeting Location: METRO Building at 1900 Main (this is a **CHANGE**).

Parking: METRO to provide details separately.

Main Speaker: METRO Chairman, Tom Lambert

Meeting Schedule: (this is a **CHANGE**).

- * Meet and Greet: 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM (light refreshments provided by METRO)
- * Move from Refreshments area to Meeting Room at 6:45 PM
- * Introductions: 6:50 PM
- * Brief Announcement by Derek Darwell, Harris County Survey: 6:55 PM
- * Main Speaker, Tom Lambert of METRO: 7:00 PM

Organizational Issues for the SNA – ACTION NEEDED.

A. Training Workshops: Save the Date!

Tentative Workshops are planned for mornings of Saturday March 23 and March 30. Same training to be offered at 2 different locations, for both new and established SNCs. Tentative Topics: Tips for Running Meetings and Organizations, and Fundamentals of Planning.

B. New Committees – Seeking Volunteers! (see link below to submit nominations for committees)

We are launching TWO new committees and we are seeking committee nominations (Feel free to nominate yourself or someone from your council whom you think would provide thoughtful participation). This is a great way to meet people from other SNCs and to share ideas and wisdom.

1. “ByLaws and Policies”: Update SNA bylaws. Create new SNA policies. Create “Best Practices” guidance for councils for policies and bylaws. Chair – Jane West
2. “Communications”: Every organization has challenges with communications, and so does the SNA. Let’s discuss problems and how to improve. Email. Social Media. Video? Website? Meeting locations? Chair - will be named later.

To NOMINATE someone for a committee, please use this link so that we will have names with contact info, plus your comments about why you are nominating them (or yourself!) for a committee.

<https://goo.gl/forms/R0p1d1jubo67WHuK2>

C. 2018 Survey about YOUR Super Neighborhood Council – please submit surveys online or on paper.