

Letter from the President



Howdy Hyde Park,

The beginning of Summer has arrived! After a two-week drencher, I, for one, am glad to have the sunny days of June in our forecast. Unfortunately, the humidity will keep us wet in other ways. I hope you have received one of the vaccines so you can enjoy mask-free socializing in the swampy weather.

Hey, another incentive to do your part by getting vaccinated and helping the country get to herd immunity! Please encourage your friends and loved ones to get the vaccine as quickly as possible. Until then, stay vigilant and wear a mask. Keep yourself safe by keeping everyone else safe.

General Meetings

We hosted Councilmember **Abbie Kamin** at our May 4th general meeting. It was a lively and interesting meeting. Ms. Kamin has been very busy working on our behalf. I was quite pleased to hear her speak, in great detail, of the many issues that she is tackling. Please read the meeting minutes for more information.

We will not have a speaker for the June meeting, but I hope you will attend and say hello to your neighbors. We can discuss general topics and brainstorm for the meetings the rest of the year. We can also talk about new ideas for National Night Out.

The log-in details for the June meeting are noted on page 3. Attendees can join the Zoom call even if they do not have a computer. There is a dial-in number that allows you to participate with audio only. We will also post the login information on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HydeParkUnited>.

Volunteers

We remain in need of volunteers for Hyde Park Civic Association. If you have any time to give, giving back to our neighborhood by getting involved on the Board or in one of the other volunteer positions is a truly worthwhile endeavor! Reach out to any of us if you are interested.

Stay safe everyone.

See ya,

Chris Delphin, President

This Month

› HPCA Meeting

June 1st @ 7pm

Next Month

› No HPCA Meeting - Summer Break

May 4th Civic Meeting Recap

Submitted by *Ellen Pollard*

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Our meeting was brought to order by **Chris Delphin** (President) at 7:00 pm. There were 12 residents present. Our guest speaker, Council Member from District C, **Abbie Kamin** was introduced and welcomed. She was accompanied by **Ashley Campbell** from the Office of Abbie Kamin. Ms. Kamin represents 15 Super Neighborhoods in District C. She chairs the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and is Vice Chair of the Quality-of-Life Committee. She is also a member of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Childhood and Youth, Economic Development and Ethics, and Elections and Council Governance Committees. Ms. Kamin and her office are busy tackling several areas of concern in Houston. She said she was the first City Council member to have a baby while in office, which raised some issues around healthcare and child care.

A permanent office for domestic violence issues has been formed and is operating. Construction on Waugh and Commonwealth is also happening now, widening bike lanes and improving sidewalks. Also, sidewalks have been put in behind the Metropolitan Building on W Gray. Saturday May 8, 2021, at the Montrose Center CM Abbie Kamin and office will be hosting a Pet Pantry event to distribute free pet food to those needing assistance along with the Houston Humane Society. Ms. Kamin's office is present at every Planning Commission meeting. Please reach out to her office if you are aware of violations by builders. You should call 311, get a case number and call Ms. Kamin's office to report it.

This is Budget Season at City Hall. On May 11th, **Mayor Turner** will present the City's budget. From May 12-26 others will present their budgets. On May 26 there will be a hearing on the whole budget and the budget will be voted on June 2. Feel free to attend any of these hearings. Covid is still a major concern. Ms. Kamin said there are as many people in the hospital as at the beginning of the pandemic. We still need to be cautious and please get your vaccine. Vaccines will be given out at Height's Theater on May 5th. If you are looking for a place to get vaccinated, please see the information at the end of the minutes.

One of the bills Ms. Kamin is currently working on deals with bandit signs. Penalties and restrictions need to be in place so these signs will disappear. Also, Hurricane season will be upon us before we know it. Please be sure you have your flood insurance and renters

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Have any fun pics from the neighborhood?

Send the editor recent Hyde Park happenings to share
with friends and neighbors!
newsletter@hydeparkhouston.org

June HPCA Zoom Meeting Details

There are two ways to join:

1. Enter the following into your browser and hit return (or click the link): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89141419365?pwd=bmpucXBjTER5T3dVY21weURiTmR5dz09>
2. Dial +1 346-248-7799 and follow the prompts to enter the meeting ID number followed by the pound sign (89141419365#) followed by the passcode (*813827#)

The meeting ID will now stay the same each month.

June 1st @ 7PM

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Did You Know?

Submitted by Chris Delphin

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should have renter's insurance. The chemical pods near the ship channel are being looked at to see what is inside of them. This is for our safety and for safety preparations in case of flooding.

The meeting was then opened for questions. The discussion went back to the advantages of getting the vaccine. The best way to get others vaccinated is to encourage them to do so. Businesses cannot mandate that anyone get a vaccine. Word of mouth is best. One resident suggested taking containers to a restaurant for takeout. This would save on having to throw out containers from the restaurant. Another resident asked about police reform and what was happening with that. **Mayor Turner** and **Police Chief Troy Finner** announced the reforms on April 29th. The reforms include a range of initiatives from mental health interventions to police oversight and training. Ms. Kamin thinks the police are being asked to do too much. Hopefully these reforms will help. Ms. Kamin left the conversation at 7:45pm.

Joe Epstein (Treasurer) was asked for his report. As of April 30th, we have \$10,297.26 in our treasury. We are holding steady at that number but need to increase membership and advertising as we wish to start distributing the newsletter in person by August.

Melissa Zarikian reported on happenings in Lamar Park. Efforts continue to keep Lamar Park and the Dolphin Fountain area maintained and inviting for our residents to enjoy. We encourage residents to "Pitch-In" and help pick up litter they might come upon when out walking. If each resident pitched in and picked up only 1 piece of debris, our neighborhood would benefit! Thank you to all for helping to make Hyde Park a great community to live in. Melissa also mentioned that she is setting up a time to speak with someone about the fountain and how it can be fixed and start running again. Please note the new

signs in the park. They announced our meeting tonight and will continue to have up to date information on them. Thank you to Joe Epstein for providing them for us.

Chris Delphin (President) said we do not have a speaker lined up for next month, but if anyone has a suggestion, please let him know. The benefits of a printed newsletter were discussed. Most felt it will be better to have a printed one. That way we could reach all in the neighborhood.

The meeting ended at 8:00.

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cmabbiekamin>

Houston Health Vaccine info: <https://houstonemergency.org/covid-19-vaccines/>

For information to avoid using unpaid workers: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/crime/article/Houston-rebid-a-contract-to-avoid-using-unpaid-15749386.php>

Winter Storm Relief: www.connectivetx.org/winterstorm/home-repair/

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HPD Crime Reports for April 2021

Submitted by Jim Pollard

Crime	Date	Address	Location
Aggravated Assault	4/7/21 11:00	1100 BLOCK WELCH ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Aggravated Assault	4/30/21 16:00	1100 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Burglary, Breaking and Entering	4/21/21 18:00	1500 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Driving under the influence	4/26/21 1:00	1300 BLOCK W GRAY ST	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Identify theft	4/4/21 9:00	1300 BLOCK BOMAR ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Intimidation	4/7/21 1:00	1500 BLOCK CALIFORNIA ST	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Intimidation	4/25/21 18:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant
Motor vehicle theft	4/16/21 19:00	1400 BLOCK FAIRVIEW AVE	Residence, Home (Includes Apartment)
Motor vehicle theft	4/20/21 0:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Bar, Nightclub
Simple assault	4/11/21 15:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Speciality Store
Simple assault	4/15/21 22:00	2500 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Highway, Road, Street, Alley
Theft from building	4/3/21 12:00	2000 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Commercial, Office Building
Theft from motor vehicle	4/15/21 19:00	1300 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Bar, Nightclub
Theft from motor vehicle	4/23/21 2:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Bar, Nightclub
Trespass of real property	4/14/21 14:00	1100 BLOCK WESTHEIMER RD	Restaurant
Trespass of real property	4/17/21 2:00	1700 BLOCK COMMONWEALTH ST	Bar, Nightclub
Trespass of real property	4/24/21 16:00	2700 BLOCK MONTROSE BLVD	Restaurant

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