

## Gulf Meadows Civic Club General Meeting

September 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Anthony Clark

### President's Opening Comments

The president welcomed everyone to the general meeting and asked if there were any 1<sup>st</sup> time attendees at the meeting. Mr. Joaquin Martinez, a candidate for Houston City Council I raised his hand and identified himself in attendance for the first time and that he wanted to introduce himself to the civic club before the November 7<sup>th</sup> election.

### Vice President's Opening Comments

Janice Carter announced that the speaker for tonight was running late, and she made a motion for the president to begin the meeting until the speaker arrives and suggested that we hear from Mr. Martinez first. Mr. Casey seconded the motion for the meeting to begin.

### Meeting

Mr. Joaquin Martinez, the candidate for Houston City Council, District I, was given five minutes to introduce himself and explain his plans for District I. He wants to prioritize BASIC CITY SERVICES: departments that work for communities; PUBLIC SAFETY: community policing to reduce crime; and INFRASTRUCTURE: improving communities through partnership.

Then, the president asked if anyone wanted to hear the minutes from last month's general meeting. Mr. Halliman made a motion to hear the minutes and Mr. Casey seconded the motion. Upon reading the minutes, the speaker, Dr. Evans-Shabazz came in, and the minutes were suspended.

### Guest Speaker

Dr. Evans-Shabazz, from District D, shared much valuable information for residents residing in areas with deed restrictions.

- Dr. Evans-Shabazz suggested that residents should always call 311 for problems that are being experienced in our community. That includes needed street signs, speed bumps and other things that are needed to make our community safer and a better place to live and raise our families. And, if we don't get satisfaction, we should call or email her office to get things done because she has a Dream Team of guys working for her, and they are great at getting things done.
- Dr. Evans- Shabazz informed us that she has been giving workshops on neighborhoods with deed restrictions and has been working with concerned citizens developing a program that is doable for ALL. And up to now, work is still being done and studied to get residents to respect and follow neighborhood restrictions. One specific thing that Dr. Evans-Shabazz stated concerning crime prevention is that residents should use more lighting around their properties if possible. For some reason, that is a great tool in detouring some crimes.
- Dr. Evans-Shabazz also stated that when a crime is in progress and you call the police, immediately say, "Crime is in progress," Answer questions for dispatcher. REMEMBER: You do not have to give your name!
- Dr. Evans-Shabazz gave updated information on controlling noise levels in our communities. She stated that recently, more sound meters have been purchased, so that police can check loud music on the spot and issue citations to offenders. Also, ATV's have been purchased so that the police can get into areas that cannot be reached by vehicles to assist in violations and crimes.
- Police chase have been reformed to assist in the safety of drivers.
- Mr. Williams, our civic club park's director asked, "How can we get the walking track completed in the Walter Jones' Park?" Dr Evans – Shabazz told him to report the issue to 311 and if problem is not solved, she directed him to call her office at 713-884-3131.

### Committee Reports

No reports were given. Nominating officers for 2024 took precedence.

### Old Business – None

### New Business

Nominations for officers for 2024 were presented by the nominating committee chairperson, Mr. Charles Williams. He presented the following slate for 2024.

President – Anthony Clark

Secretary – Arnolia McDowell

Treasurer – Mary Williams

Membership – Mary Williams

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Janice Carter (Publicity and Programs)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mark Schultz (Citizens on patrol)

Deed Restrictions – Wesley Carter

Flood Control – Faye Jack

Hospitality – Lula Tippit

Communications – Dorothy Vance

Walter Jones Park – Charles Williams

Welcome – Maria Garcia

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- Mr. Williams stated that nominations are still open for next year, and you can call him or make nominations at the October General Meeting.

### Door prize drawing

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Mr. Casey

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Mr. Kozel

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by Betty Earl