

**MEETING INFORMATION**

Date May 11, 2021  
Location Virtual Meeting  
Time 6:00 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- Lawrence Sweeney; Ivy Sweeney; Karen Pierre; Gail Crawford; Sana Syed; Shawn Hejke; Rico Roberts; Adrian Gee; Johnny Garcia; Willard's ipad

**MINUTES**

1. Meet Sana Syed- in the June 5th runoff for Dallas City Council District 2
  - a. Sana lives in our neighborhood.
  - b. She is a former news anchor/reporter; became spokesperson for Ebola; got her PhD in public planning; and runs Fight Club for ladies surviving trauma (a trauma-informed safety model)
  - c. Issues of concern:
    - i. bringing public health back into the city's purview - mental health and homelessness issues
    - ii. permitting issues
    - iii. community issues and demands
  - d. Re: D2 - she feels we are overdue for underground transportation; the problem is the Deep Elum Foundation is not on board; and we need to be making sure the current transportation needs are being met
  - e. Re: 1345 tear-down - she feels it has historical significance, yet our communities are divided and she sees the wisdom, but other things needs addressing first, like the homeless crisis; the tear-down has a 10-20 year timeline, other things need reconciling first
  - f. Re: thoughts on homes issue & where the city isn't meeting the needs- she feels the city is continuing to put a bandaid on it; more beds won't be enough; the Office of Public Health needs to be brought back - city council needs to do that
2. Neighborhood Report - Shawn Hejke
  - a. Crime stats are out of whack - offenses are up some, but overall the numbers are going down; they have overtime officers dedicated to Friday and Saturday nights; Dallas has a no-chase policy in place for non-violent crimes
3. Code Compliance update - Johnny Garcia
  - a. We have a new code officer - Juan Contreras, phone number 469-704-2683
  - b. Graffiti is a hot issue here in the DFM; property owners are held responsible; the city has resources - consent forms for removal
  - c. Re: sidewalks, there is a 50/50 share program - property owners can apply for help with sidewalk fixtures through public works
  - d. Call 311 to voice concerns or go to [dallascityhall.com](http://dallascityhall.com)
  - e. Johnny's email address is [juan.garcia3@dallascityhall.com](mailto:juan.garcia3@dallascityhall.com)
4. Karen Pierre complained about the black bumpers along the bike lanes being taken away

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Ginzaro Sushi now open in the old Cajun Tailgators space
- b. May 24 Industrious shared office space is opening to the public
- c. Paper Geenius now open in the Simply Irresistible space
- d. Every 3rd Wednesday is Pearl Street Eats at the Market