

# **One Creek West Project Update**

Over the past weeks, we have published a series of "Leadership Briefs" – the reporting and analysis of single-topic issues that affect you as the leader of your property owners' association, or POA.

We have not provided you with an overview of what we are doing in the community to achieve our goals of making our community "a nice to place to live", continuing our advocacy for flood mitigation projects, and making our community more secure through a focused dialogue between our coalition and the various public and private resources engaged in this pursuit.

This newsletter highlights very briefly those actions. We encourage you to click on the links to the website, which we are trying to keep updated as we go.

If there are projects that fall into these broad categories of our mission, please drop me or Dave a line at jmcglaughlin@onecreekwest.org and dcromero@onecreekwest.org.

## Making Our Community "A Nice Place to Live"

**Cullen Park Path** 

https://onecreekwest.org/sidewalks-and-trails

Segment 1 of this dual-use trail – which gives safe passage to pedestrians and cyclists over the levee on Barker Cypress Road – was approved by TXDOT in November. We have been working on securing easements from property owners along the route. We want to thank those property owners just south of South Park View, who support the objectives of the path and who hopefully will benefit from the updated "street face" that the trail will provide.



We will also join in the dedication ceremonies to honor a cyclist who was struck along Barker Cypress Road. Unlike most dedications, we bring to view a tangible solution to the safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists along Barker Cypress Road. In parallel with this dedication, the City of Houston will initiate a community engagement process. We hope you will be able to participate in this process.

Cullen Park Path (Segment 2) – Segment 2 extends the Cullen Park Path from the corner of Barker Cypress Road and South Park View to Cullen Park. The application for funding will be made later this year. We will meet with the City of Houston officials in late May to begin the design and application process.

#### **Greenhouse/Saums Road Sidewalk Project**

We met with the new Manager of Planning for Commissioner Briones' Infrastructure Division this week. The objectives of the meeting were to understand what sidewalk and roadway projects are currently under consideration and whether Precinct 4 will support the construction of sidewalks along these high-traffic roadways if its current plans do not include them.

The Manager of Planning has been in place for only 2 months, but in that time, has developed an initiative called "Places for People". This is a call for partnerships with the community to focus financial resources on projects that have the greatest community support and benefit. The sidewalk project appears to be eligible for this program. We are looking forward to learning more about the program's requirements and the County's current plans to determine whether we will apply.

If not, our current plans to seek TXDOT funding remain in place.

#### **Commercial Truck Parking**

One Creek West has been working with our coalition POAs to identify commercial trucks in violation of City of Houston parking laws along South Park View and Mayde Creek Road.

We have also surveyed the commercial truck parking issues along Atrium Place, working with apartment developer, OHT Partners, who is building a 400-unit complex where HCC used to be located. Based upon this research, we are considering if and how we might offer



legislation in the 89th session to address CTP in urban areas outside of city boundaries.

**Legislation Affecting POAs** 

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### https://gem.godaddy.com/p/bb7e851

We are monitoring legislation affecting POAs. At present, we are conducting a resident survey of the proposed chicken (and rabbit) legislation to gauge support or opposition to four bills that are competing for approval. You can engage your community by emailing a link to them - or posting it on a private Facebook site. We will share the results with you - and would love to have as large and diverse of a sample as possible.

## **CAI Membership**

One Creek West has joined the Community Association Institute (CAI) as advocates for our community. Membership will give us access to resources available through this organization.

## **Recruitment of Multifamily Communities into One Creek Coalition**

We have been in contact with Resia Living (the developer of the two high-rise apartment communities) and OHT Partners, who is building the 400-unit Lenox Apartments on the land previously owned by Houston Community College. We attempted to contact the two 9% tax-credit apartment communities planned for our area and plan on reaching out to Cortland West Houston. The goal is to establish connections if their support would be helpful in the future. As property owners, they have similar aspirations for our community.

Our next "Leadership Brief" will focus on the planned or ongoing construction of some 2,000 new units for our area - and what this means for you.

Kwik Kar Wash Renovation



of Houston has prompted the owners of the Kwik Kar Wash on Barker Cypress Road to rebuild its oncecrumbling structure and remove unsafe volumes of waste from the premises. There is more work to be done, but this is a great example of city government responsive to the needs of our community.

## **Making Our Homes Safe**

Temporary Paper License Plates



### https://gem.godaddy.com/p/afbaa51

We provided an analysis of the changes to Harris County's rules for issuing temporary license plates - a process that has come under fire for allowing tags to be issued illegally. We spoke with the chief of staff in Representative Craig Goldman's (Fort Worth area). We are tracking the progress of this legislation. So far, however, it has not made it out of committee.

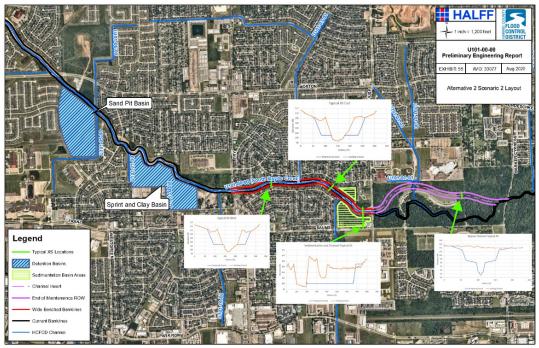
## Law Enforcement Advocacy

We plan to reach out to Harris County District 4 contract personnel to discuss the need for and structure of a "Law Enforcement Exchange" among the One Creek West Coalition.

## **Making Our Homes Secure**

Flood Mitigation Projects for South Mayde Creek https://onecreekwest.org/hcfcd-projects We have joined the San Jacinto Regional Planning Group meetings to advocate for flood mitigation projects affecting South Mayde Creek. The project designed to alleviate flooding at the Greenhouse Road bridge, by building a bypass in Cullen Park and detention basins along Lower South Mayde Creek, has been included in the regional planning group's projects to be recommended to the Texas Water Board for state funding.

We will continue to monitor the progress of this project and advocate for detention basins upstream of our communities to manage the run-off of stormwater from new developments in the Katy Prairie.



HCFCD Project C-36: Lower South Mayde Creek

## **Upstream Litigation**

https://onecreekwest.org/upstream-litigation

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We are working with plaintiff attorneys Daniel Charest and Charles Irvine to help notify residents in our area of their eligibility for compensation under the federal court's ruling in November 2022.

We published a "Leadership" for the 2 communities who are eligible for the compensation. The ruling limits flood victims to homeowners with properties at elevations 109.1 feet and less.

Respectfully, Dave C. Romero, President Judith McGlaughlin, Secretary/Treasurer One Creek West, Inc.

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