



# 2020

## 5 CORNERS DISTRICT

### *Year in Review*

#### A Message from the Chair

Needless to say, 2020 was a very different and challenging time for us all with the unexpected arrival of COVID-19. But after a few modifications to our services, and how we met and got business done, the Five Corners District still had an excellent and productive year. Here we share a few of those accomplishments as we welcome your involvement in our committees and activities.

We encourage you to sign up on the website at [5CornersDistrict.org](http://5CornersDistrict.org) to receive helpful information and notices about our District activities and meetings. We also request that you provide us directly with your email address and primary contact phone number so we can reach you in the event of a public service announcement or an emergency.

***Thank you for your support; we are open to all of your inquiries and suggestions. On behalf of the board of directors, Best wishes for a healthy and successful 2021!***



## Public Safety

The 5 Corners District employs the services of SEAL Security to regularly patrol all key corridors in the District. This service puts two to three vehicles on the streets seven days a week for a total of approximately 160 hours a week. The officers work closely with District businesses and respond to their calls for service through a hotline number that has been widely published and distributed to those businesses in the form of window clings and Security Business Cards.

SEAL works closely with the Southwest Division of the Houston Police Department, in particular coordinating their patrols in the locations of potential and proven hotspots for crime. Partly as a result of this coordination, the District and Council District K have among the lowest incidents of criminal activity in the city.

The District conducts semi-monthly surveys of street light outages and provides the information to CenterPoint Energy for action by its repair crews.

The District also provides mobile security cameras at key commercial intersections to help curb criminal activity and provide video to law enforcement to help catch criminals. In addition to the security cameras, the District has placed remote game cameras at locations known for illegal dumping. This program has been successful in capturing solid evidence to prosecute the perpetrators.

## Capital Improvements

The District has excellent partners in South Post Oak (TIRZ #9) and Hiram Clarke/Fort Bend Houston (TIRZ #25) Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones. Based on an improvements Master Plan prepared and funded by the District in 2014, four major street intersections in the core of the FCID have been designed construction; begins this year. Five important “gateways” on the northern edge of the District along South Main/U.S. 90 have also been designed and will begin construction in 2021, with special lighting of the underpasses signaling the arrival into the District from the north.

A special Sidewalk, Curb and Ramp program, funded in partnership with the TIRZs, identified over 600 locations in the District where minor repairs were needed, and those repairs are underway and being paid for by the respective TIRZs. The balance of those projects will be completed in 2021.

Our “TriParty” partnership with the TIRZs will continue and ultimately lead to more responsibility by the District to maintain the improvements. Also, the Houston Parks Board is funding the construction and installation of three special bus shelters on the southbound side of Hiram Clarke. The District has been party to, and provided input for, design of the shelters and will be responsible for repairs.

## Other Special Projects

In support of the Council District K initiative to combat litter, the District funded the installation of five billboards on major corridors to remind everyone to ‘Keep It Clean’. The billboards were displayed in the last quarter of the year and will be considered for continued deployment.

The District also funded and installed four pet waste receptacles on the Simms Bayou pedestrian trails near key corridor bridges. Expansion of the project to install more at other trail locations is planned for 2021.

There are also plans to seed West Orem esplanades in 2021 to give the area we call the ‘Madison Mile’ a better look in front of Madison High School.

## Right of Way Maintenance

The District’s contractor delittered 1,394 miles of street corridors, including esplanades, resulting in 1,365 bags of trash collected, or a total of 26,724 pounds. The contractor also mowed 676 miles of street corridor edges, for a total of 8,405 business fronts, and collected 541 bandit signs.

The District’s graffiti abatement contractor removed over 250 “tags” from public and private property and more than 4,300 since the inception of the program in 2011. At the end of the year and continuing into 2021, the District also began regularly mowing the medians on West Orem from Hiram Clarke to Buffalo Speedway in an area we refer to as the “Madison Mile.”