

**MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2001**  
**HOUSTON REAL ESTATE COUNCIL MEETING**

- 1 **NPDES Storm Water Regulations** - Mike Schaffer discussed progress in his report. A draft of the proposed regulations will be available at our next regular meeting.
- 2 **Construction Industry Council** - A written report was provided by Jim Box and Parke Patterson and comments by Andy Teas. There continues to be significant competition between BOMA, builders, developers, architects and engineers pitted against the union trade groups. It appears even if our side is **successful** in recommending to City Council the International Building Code, the trade unions will individually lobby City Council to have their changes inserted.
- 3 **Legislation** - There was a brief discussion of a few of the pending bills.
- 4 Our meeting was closed with an outstanding discussion with Councilmember Annise Parker, Chairperson of the Neighborhood Protection Committee. I think the entire group was impressed by her presentation. She shared with us her desires to strengthen the Historic Preservation Ordinance as well as making changes to the existing Landscape Ordinance which would provide for the inclusion of single family residential requirements. It did not appear that she proposed any significant change in the Development Ordinance, but possibly a change in the parking requirements for inner city developments as well as dealing with prevailing set back lines. Although her heart clearly lies with the neighborhood groups, she has done an outstanding job in making sure the development industry had fair representation and input to her committee, In my opinion, she is doing an effective job negotiating between the development community and the neighborhood groups. She received a big round of applause from our entire group.

Respectfully submitted,  
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