Our Light Pollution Problem in Bellaire, June 2023

June 5 P&Z draft lighting regulations were presented; find comments by Johanna Moran below.

P28/35 Applicability should not exempt (because it may be improper and must be evaluated)

(1) Lighting within the public right-of-way for the principal purpose of illuminating streets or roads;

(4) Lighting located on City property or for illuminating City facilities.

P28/35 Requirements for exterior should include new and existing single-family residential but be aimed at converting fixtures to shielded lighting per IDA guidelines which can be effected without the need for details that may not be available for older installations.

P32/35 The proposed regulations are largely based on other cities' ordinances.

I recommend the following criteria as promoted by the International Dark-Sky Association
www.darksky.org ida@darksky.org; www.idatexas.org

Light to Protect the Night - IDA and IES (txnsf.org) download link

Common Sense Solutions & Resources – DarkSky Texas – Formerly IDA Texas
Link to Texas State Outdoor Lighting Codes that includes a list of Texas cities and counties with outdoor lighting resolutions or proclamations

Community (IDSC) Applicant Self-Checklist (May 2023).docx - Google Docs
5 page review that can get us started on path to becoming a dark sky community