



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 2nd
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Clayton Library Guest House

- General Meeting Called to Order and Presidents' Report: (Sean)
 - Meeting called to order at 6:10PM.
 - March meeting minutes approved.
 - Preservation Board Position still open.

- Council Member Dwight Boykins and Deputy Chief of Staff, Shavonda Johnson:
 - Reported that 4 Senior Citizens have been hired to staff satellite offices.
 - Livable Centers Study update: results will help other neighborhoods as well.
 - "State of City" address to be given by mayor tomorrow.
 - "Coffee & Conversation with Council Member Boykins" held on Mondays & Tuesdays Contact Shavonda Johnson at the Council Office, 832-393-3001 for more information.
 - Sidewalk & Curb Repair: Repairs are responsibility of home owners, but separate funds are needed to assist seniors & disabled residents.

- Treasurer's Report: (Cynthia)
 - ~\$53,000 currently in account.
 - \$45, 000 designated for Livable Centers Study.
 - \$1200 designated for Main Street Planting.
 - Several Membership Renewals this month (members notified of renewal due-date by e-mail.)

- Membership Report: (Fernando)
 - Membership continuing to grow.
 - Current membership total is 157 (including some lapsed memberships.)
 - Working on partnership with local businesses to provide members with discounts (membership cards.)

- Community Engagement Report: (Sandy)
 - Welcome to the Neighborhood & Open House to be held on Saturday, April 12th 9AM-11AM for Dan's House of Hope located at corner of Jackson and Wichita.
 - Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 19th at 10AM, Covenant Church, coordinated by Emily Stein. Neighborhood children welcome, and coffee & pastries provided for adults by Kaffeine (located at Southmore & Alameda.)
 - Lucille's Backyard Barbeque to be held April 24 or 25? (menu and cost to be determined.) Pre-registration and online payment recommended.
 - Lynn Dahlberg asked membership to consider potential "Community Garage Sale" and if it should be held in a central parking lot, or house to house. She would like additional input, and can be contacted at lynn.dahlberg@sbcglobal.net or Sandy at social@museumparkna.org.

- Quality of Life & Infrastructure Report: (Kathleen)
 - More flower beds to be added to the endcaps this Saturday, April 5th, 8:00AM (Crawford & Southmore, Jackson & Southmore, and possibly others.) Esplanade endcaps to be landscaped in similar manner to those already in place including a special variety of roses developed by Texas A&M. More landscaping to be added next fall.

- Safety & Security Report: (AJ)
 - Houston Homeless Initiative update: Goal to build 2500 homes in the next 2 years.
 - For help with Homeless Issues in the neighborhood:
 - Homeowners can fill out a trespass affidavit for their property.
 - Residents encouraged to utilize “Search” Homeless Shelter’s contacts and HPD’s “Hot Team” for outreach assistance.
 - Greater SE Management District reports a 28% drop in crime since same time last year with car break-ins an ongoing issue.
 - Update on the J-Mart at LaBranch/Blodgett: strategies from recent meeting being implemented including greater constable presence.
 - Membership drive for Citizens on Patrol (COP) continues with goal to encourage greater neighborhood presence. Metro Police can also be notified if suspicious activity is observed (especially bus stops.)
 - Additional information about the Houston Graffiti Hotline and Anti-Gang Activity Office can be found on the website.

- Old Business:
 - No update for the Hines Development Project, but appears that some proposed amenities (restaurant, etc...) may no longer be planned. Neighborhood concern continues for resulting traffic and construction impacts.
 - Question raised concerning current status of Prohibited Yard Parking Ordinance: It did pass, and is important to prevent damaging infrastructure (pipes, sidewalks.) It is a 311 reportable issue, but residents can also call police dispatch’s non-emergency number. Parking is illegal in city esplanades. Further explanation and map is on the City of Houston website.

- New Business:
 - Subway Sandwich shop to open soon next to West Gray Cleaners on San Jacinto.
 - Golf Outing to benefit “Dan’s House of Hope” to be held May 5th at River Bend Country Club. More information available from Roger Kenneavy.
 - Introduction of Larry Chriswell, new owner of Museum District Bistro as well as Mark McDonald, business owner on MacGregor specializing in surveillance cameras.
 - Last Announcement: Museum Park Neighborhood Association still looking to fill Preservation Position on MPNA Board.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:10 PM

Minutes Recorded by MPNA Secretary, Sara Dobbs

