



MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday April 4, 2018

Location: Covenant Church

Presidents Report – Sandy Stevens

- The general meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Sandy Stevens.
- Introduction of Rucks Russell as the new Chief of Staff for Councilman Boykins. He went over his experience and stated he is looking forward to working with MPNA.
- Introduced new owner of Spanish Village Abhi and Ish.
- Reviewed letter to Mayor regarding the encampment. Distributed hard copy. Also spoke to Marc Eichenbaum about the encampment and was reassured the city it moving forward but at a slow pace due to the pending lawsuit. Chris Eriksen spoke about the ACLU lawsuit appeal. Also addressed the gunfire last Saturday. Officials were not aware of it because it was listed as disturbance. In the future, please refer to gunfire as “Active Shooter”. Barbara McGuffey said to please report all incidents and follow thru with pressing charges. Sandy said the Mayor is still looking for funding to move homeless to a shelter. The clean up gathered 9 tons of debris and 80 bags of trash.
- Barbara McGuffey has been interacting with Marilyn Brown. She is the President of the Homeless Coalition. Marilyn Brown was recovering from an illness, so she sent a letter detailing challenges in placing the homeless. We will post it on the MPNA web site.

Museum Park Super Neighborhood– Kathleen O’Reilly

- Thanked Houston SE for maintaining the Roses on Main St., a partnership effort with Museum Park that has earned two Mayor’s Proud Partner Keep Houston Beautiful awards. Intent has been and continues to be to further that partnership on all esplanades as the Livable Center Study is implemented.
- Recognized Chris Erickson and Kristy Bridges for their work on Trespassing affidavits. Thanked Carl for placing the neighborhood meeting signs.
- Parking Management – discussion on how the changes will affect the neighborhood. Please attend one of the meetings and express your concerns verbally and in writing. Comments may also be submitted by email, at parking@houstontx.gov . Parking Management is interested in trying to be as collaborative as possible. The parking lot by Sam Houston/Palmer Church* (post meeting clarification) will be first to be metered.
- Planning Commission is reviewing the urban corridor character as part of the Walkable Places Committee effort underway by the CoH Planning Dept.

- Post meeting addition - http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/committee_walkable-places.html
- Boone property is for sale.
- Holocaust Museum has decided not to pursue a green space next to Clayton Library.
- Rice Endowment has hired HRA (architecture firm out of NY) to do analysis of best use of the 9 acres, which includes Sears Bldg. and Fiesta store. Preliminary thinking is that Sears sheeting will be removed and restoring to original design.

Vice Presidents Report – Barbara McGuffey

- Parking Management dates are 4/16 & 4/18 plus have added a May date. There is a link on our web site for questions, plus Barbara is compiling a list of questions. Penny noticed that on their map, it shows Crawford street going thru the middle of MacGregor elementary school. Barbara also noted that West of Main the Parking design will be a little different.

Secretary Report – Bill Powell

- The minutes are posted on MPNA web site – just go to documents. No one had any questions.

Treasurer’s Report – Cynthia Tang

- Treasurer’s report is posted on MPNA website for members. Recognized the Flowers Family donation and Halliburton matching funds. Dues from members is \$2,000 for Q1 2018 and today’s balance is approximately \$18,000.

Parliamentarian – Kim Mickelson

- Absent

Membership – Louis Selig

- Absent – but Barbara McGuffey announced we signed up a new member tonight.

Community Engagement – Cindy Woods

- Provided Easter eggs with Covenant Church on March 31st.
- Attended South Central HPD...they were very appreciative
- Bodegas Fundraiser will be April 24th at Bodegas

Quality of Life – Kathleen O’Reilly

- City of Houston passed Title 19 (9 votes yes 7 votes no) which mandates future building two ft above the 500 year flood plain; can be on fill but urged to build on pier and beam.

Safety & Security – Chris Erickson

- Chris gave his report during President’s report (see above). He also announced that if anyone needs a No Trespassing affidavit he can provide.

Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg

- Sears Retrospective is alive. Passed around a sheet to share early memories about Sears

Announcements

- Roger Kenneavy with Dan’s House of Hope, a home for teens and young adults who are battling cancer, is having a golf fundraiser April 30 at the River Bend Country Club. This raises about 15% of their budget. Golfers and volunteers are welcome.
- John Stevens volunteers with AARP and offered Tax help to those in need.
- Southmore Street will close 4/20 or sooner.
- Barbara asked “if you are not a member, please join”.
- Sandy recognized Pam Campbell for her speech to City Council on April 2.
- Trash complaint about 4800 Caroline. Sandy mentioned it is in an LLC Partnership and the city is in the process of ticketing them. Oaks of Caroline may be owner. May be affiliated with Park on Caroline and Ridge on Caroline.
- A residence on Blodgett has been described as Medical Center area instead of Museum Park. Probably a realtor error.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.