



## MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 1, 2018

Location: Covenant Church

Time: 6:06 pm - Meeting brought to order by Barbara McGuffey

### **President's Report: Barbara McGuffey-VP substituting for Sandy Stevens-President**

- Parking Survey Notice Sent out by Park Houston. Encouraged everyone to pay attention to this. This survey is at the request of the Mayor. It will be used to determine if neighborhood wants the plan to go forward. Send Comments/concerns to [Parking@houstontx.gov](mailto:Parking@houstontx.gov). MPNA has not taken a position. Barbara attended HouSE (Houston Southeast Management District), where parking issue was discussed. HouSE focus is mainly on Almeda and Emancipation streets. Might consider providing Shuttle services to alleviate parking issues.
- Pedestrian Safety, Hermann Drive: Please share your concerns to City of Houston. COH has not received complaints, and is unaware of the safety issues that we observe.

### **Preservation: Lynn Dahlberg – (Absent)**

- Barbara notes Lynn is still working on Sears Exhibit. Share any memories or pictures, you may have of Sears, with her.

### **MPSN Report: Kathleen O'Reilly (Absent).**

- Barbara delivered update report. Not very many people attended July 17 Cap Parks meeting. Barbara went. Plan indicates that Cleburne will now go through. Wider bridges with Bike crossings. MPNA has sent an email request for a presentation on Cap Parks at Sept. meeting. Thanked Kathleen O'Reilly for getting this started.
- Park Plaza Hospital sold to HCA. MPNA is in contact with them to find out their next step.
- US Pain and Spine Hospital has closed. Think that it sold to United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC). Good news it will probably stay a hospital.

### **Secretary's report: Bill Powell**

- Minutes are on MPNA website under Resources. Request to get Cap Park pictures on web site.

### **Treasurer's Report: Cynthia Tang**

- Financial Report: MPNA has a current balance of \$21,468. An increase of \$2,000 from 2017. Since July 31, we have received \$1,700 in donations from Haliburton and Chevron, \$4,000 in membership dues. Expenses are \$3,500. The Treasurer's report is available in the members section of our website.
- Green Team: The Green Team's primary goal is to engage residents to create a sense of community and commitment to a cleaner neighborhood and improve our green spaces. Green Team saved MPNA expected professional charges of \$2,400 for endcap maintenance by taking on this project. Green Team has also received \$1,000 from Chevron for Jill Miller's volunteer hours. From mid-March through July we have 188 volunteer hours, currently 35 members. Asked Green Team members to stand up. Recent projects have included:
  - Laid 62 bags of mulch over newspaper weed barriers on the seven garden endcaps
  - Pruned overgrown crepe myrtles on Jackson
  - Overgrown oleander and azalea on Calumet esplanade that was a street hazard and trimmed trees, bushes and leaves on the entire esplanade up to Chartres
  - Senior citizen – front yard cleanup -- tree trimming, power-washing and painted front door.
  - Cleared 3 very problematic storm drains: LaBranch & Wichita, Caroline & Blodgett, Caroline & Calumet up to Binz

The Green Team recently received a \$450 grant from Constellation Energy with plans to improve two endcaps with roses on Crawford @ Wichita or adding one at Crawford & Southmore. To join the Green Team, see Cynthia or Jill or go online to our webpage. Also, email us if there is a project that you would like to request our help.

### **Parliamentarian- Kim Mickelson (Absent)**

- No report

### **Membership: Louis Selig**

- Encouraged non-members to talk to him about joining.

### **Community Engagement: Cindy Woods (Absent)**

- Barbara gave Cindy's report. Barnaby's is hosting a happy hour after tonight's meeting including free wine and appetizers. Linda Flowers is there now making sure it is set up for us.
- Today at the HouSE Board meeting, HPD announced their Back to School Bash, 2202 St. Emanuel, 10am-2pm, August 4. Three hundred Back Packs are available. MPNA is supporting this event.
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> is Miller Outdoor Theatre – Classic Journey will be performing.
- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Night Out

- Asia Society – outdoor movie this Friday night is *Godzilla*.

### **Safety & Security Report: Pam Campbell**

- Pam Campbell is our new Chairman of Safety & Security. Chris has moved out of neighborhood.
- Alameda Corridor Bar Noise & Parking – Police have 5 pages of complaints. HouSE security is involved. HouSE is discussing installing a camera system, including along Wheeler. More info to come.
- Encampment –Coalition navigators are still working to find housing for those living under the freeway. 35 homeless have moved into housing. The Coalition Task Force (including Pam and Barbara) are meeting with Marc Eichenbaum, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> to get COH plans/update.
- At the HouSE Board meeting - Sgt. Flores shared June 2017 vs June 2016 stats – crime down in our neighborhood (year over year).
- In June, the Wheeler encampment had 9 misdemeanors and 1 felony with 7.3 pounds of Cush.
- Illegal dumping - please report to police. Take a pic of car license plate or call 713-884-3131. This is the non-emergency police #. They will respond faster if you say illegal dumping.
- Dog walker Program, only the Sheriff's Dept. can implement. We cannot get this. Talking with Officer Simmons to get next steps. Hope to have something out for NNO.

### **Announcements:**

- August 26<sup>th</sup> several MPNA members are helping for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Daniel Boone Cycles Museum celebration. The event will be held 3pm to dark, 5318 Crawford.
- Invited Thomas Wang to come forward to speak. Also noted we are 501©(3), so anyone who is running for office can come and introduce himself or herself. Thomas Wang is running for State Rep 147 our District. He asked audience to go to [Houston United.com](http://HoustonUnited.com) to see his platform.
- Michael Gillespie with Asia Society announced August 16-19<sup>th</sup> Mandala Sand Painting by Tibetan Monks.
- Neighbor mentioned confusion between Heavy Trash and Tree Trimming pick up. Heavy Trash only picks up every other month. Cynthia is putting a link on our website about rules.
- Please watch for AT Work on Your Behalf.
- Adjourned at 7:10pm