



Minutes, November 7, 2018 - Annual Membership Meeting at Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President, Sandy Stevens, at 6:05 pm.

Quorum

A quorum of members was present.

Election of 2019 MPNA Officers, Board of Directors/Standing Committee Chairs, and MPSN Delegates

Barbara McGuffey, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees as prepared by the Nominating Committee and approved by the MPNA Board. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Barbara McGuffey, Lynn Dahlberg, Cynthia Tang and Louis Selig.

President - Sandy Stevens

Vice President - Pam Campbell

Secretary - Barbara McGuffey

Treasurer - Cynthia Tang

Quality of Life - Kim Mickelson

Membership - Louis Selig

Community Engagement - Cindy Woods

Preservation & History- Lynn Dahlberg

Safety & Security - Pam Campbell

Parliamentarian - Bill Powell

MPNA Delegates to MPSN Council:

Kathleen O'Reilly

Sandy Stevens

Barbara McGuffey

Alternate MPNA Delegate MPSN Council:

Kim Mickelson

Sandy Stevens asked for any nominations from MPNA members in attendance. There were no nominations. Andrew Gladden made a motion to close the nominations.

Sandy Stevens moved for the approval of the slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, and the members present voted unanimously in favor.

President's Report - Sandy Stevens

- Coalition for the Homeless update on Closing of Wheeler Encampment – Sandy Stevens reported that Marilyn Brown, Coalition President and CEO, had planned to attend tonight's meeting to give a report but was unable to be here due to illness. Sandy reported that the Wheeler Encampment was closed and fenced on November 2, 2018. The 30 who had previously refused housing assistance were once again offered transportation to a shelter pending ongoing processing for Permanent Supportive Housing; however, only 15 accepted that offer. Coalition Navigators will continue to reach out and offer support to those unsheltered homeless who were displaced. Pam Campbell noted that she was told that TXDOT paid for the new fencing around the Wheeler Encampment. Further updates will be posted on the MPNA website.
- Covenant Church, Meeting Site for 2019 - Sandy Stevens reported that the MPNA Board has approved the Covenant Church Sanctuary as the 2019 MPNA meeting site and Covenant Church has graciously agreed to be our host for next year.
- Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH) update on 2008 Purchase of 1300 Block of Calumet from Caroline to Austin – Sandy Stevens discussed a handout provided to members in attendance detailing ongoing concerns regarding the \$572,115 repayment plan. (This handout will be posted on the MPNA website) The MPNA Board has continued to engage with the City and HMH to address our concerns and the City agreed in January 2018 to abandon their initial plans to close the north two lanes of Calumet from Caroline to San Jacinto.
The City has not agreed to an MPNA resolution requesting that Council direct a new Ordinance be prepared for funding and developing in the public realm of the Museum Park neighborhood to utilize all of the proceeds from the sale of public right of way (1300 Block of Calumet). Sandy Stevens noted that a background summary was available in the back as a handout.

Vice President's Report – Barbara McGuffey

- Community Parking Plan – Barbara McGuffey reported that MPNA is currently reviewing the proposed Community Parking Plan and Parking Benefit District ordinances and will be preparing comments for the MPNA Board to approve prior to submitting to City of Houston Parking Management. Updates will be posted on the MPNA website.

Secretary's Report – Bill Powell

- No Report.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Tang

- Financial Report – Current Balance is \$24,561.00. Thanks to those who have made donations, including Chevron, the Flowers Family, Moss family.
- Green Team Report – have been working on end caps, tree trimming, cleaning storm drains, and trash pick up. The Green Team is applying for a matching \$5,000 grant.

Parliamentarian – Kim Mickelson

- No Report.

Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg

- Sears Retrospective- Sandy Steven delivered the report.

Membership – Louis Selig

- No Report.

Community Engagement – Cindy Woods

- Annual Holiday Dinner will be at Lucille's on December 3. Your invitation, with additional details, will be emailed to you and reservations will be required.
- Announced Cathy Ehlinger will be Co-Chair of this committee.

Quality of Life & Infrastructure – Kathleen O'Reilly (not present)

- No Report.

Safety and Security – Pam Campbell

- Pam Campbell and Barbara McGuffey, will continue to participate as MPNA representatives on the Neighborhood Task Force (NTF) with the Coalition for the Homeless. While the Wheeler Encampment has been closed, the NTF will engage and assist where possible in the ongoing process to address homeless issues.

Announcements:

- Next General Meeting, January 2

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Bill Powell
Secretary