



MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 3, 2019 Location:

Covenant Church

Time: 6:04 pm - Meeting brought to order by Sandy Stevens

Guest Speaker: Officers Rapp and Dominguez – City of Houston Police Department

- Crime generally down 22% year to date; slight increase in thefts
- July 11, 11 am -10 pm at Luigi's Pizza (corner of Almeda and Alabama) HPD South Central DRT / Community Fundraiser. Ask for the "HPD Slice" (pineapple and pepperoni)
- Parking initiative this month
- Porch package theft legislation effective Sept 1
- Dialogue with Turkey Leg Hut ongoing. Currently they have no HPD violations.
- New sound meters will be issued to HPD. 75 db is current max amplified music level

Green Team Report: Cynthia Tang

- The Green Team has been in existence for about a year and a half and plants and maintains the esplanades and end caps
- Little Library from Constellation Energy grant was installed on Covenant Church grounds.
- Others reported that green related grants are available through the Houston Garden Club and the River Oaks Garden Club.

Guest Speaker: Andrew Gladden – MPNA Green Team: Esplanade Enhancements

- Pocket Prairie Pilot Project and End Caps as presented last meeting are being changed slightly in response to the high-rise being proposed across from Lucille's to prevent putting in a planted esplanade and having it damaged by construction. The new proposed location is further north of MacGregor school. More information on the website
- The poll for general approval / interest in the project is closed. Results will be emailed and posted on the website, but the result was an overwhelming majority in favor of the project.

President's Report: Sandy Stevens

- MPNSN Caroline Promenade - Based on MP Livable Centers Study as a top-rated project. Currently in design phase with SE Mgt District and CM Boykins office. CM Boykin's office donated \$100K for the design effort. A design will allow MP to shop for an implementation grant(s). Public input meetings anticipated in September. More information to follow.

Vice President's Report: Pam Campbell

- Meeting with Turkey Leg Hut managers to discuss parking issues, etc. did not occur. It will be rescheduled.
- Letter was sent to Fiesta management regarding feeding including CoH policy.

- Contact John Valentine at (713)864-5060, ext 347 with immediate concerns. Note that there is no ban on charitable feeding. There is an Ordinance which requires a permit, clean-up, etc.
- HEB opening is targeted for Dec 16

Preservation: Lynn Dahlberg

- Brief history of Princess Hamburgers. Original location at 4509 S. Main (where the busses pull in now at the Wheeler station).

Treasurer's Report: Cynthia Tang

- Currently about \$27K in the bank. The Treasurer's report is available in the members section of our website.

Community Engagement: Sandy and Kathy

- Meet and Greet after last week's meeting at Spanish Village was successful
- National Night Out scheduled for Oct 1. Volunteers needed
- Ice cream social after meeting

Quality of Life: Kim Mickelson

- Variance posted for 33 story high-rise proposed across from Lucille's
- Two variances: One is for an awning at a zero property line and the other is to allow a 5' setback above a second level.
- The variance hearing is July 11 at the City Hall Annex at 900 Bagby. It starts at 2:00 pm. Visitors must sign in early and get badged. More info on the website.
- MPNA is generally opposed to the variance but will reach out to the developer (PMG Realty) to discuss options.
- A template opposition letter will be available for download on the MPNA website

Announcements:

- The developer of the Boone property will speak at the August meeting.
- Adjourned at 7:29 pm