



## MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 7, 2019

Location: Covenant Church

Time: 6:01 pm - Meeting brought to order by Pam Campbell

### Guest Speaker: Officer Stevens – City of Houston Police Department

- HPD Safety and security Update: Crime overall is down compared to this month last year. Focusing on civility issues. HPD is hosting a Back to School Bash Saturday from 11-2pm at the South-Central Station, 2202 St. Emanuel. They will be collecting school supplies. MPNA has donated \$100

### Quality of Life: Kim Mickelson

- Report on Planning Commission Denial of Variance Request for 33-story apartment complex at Crawford/Calumet/La Branch: There were dual variance denials. MPNA's for the 33 story and one for Emancipation. Note that variance denials do not stop a project. This sets the stage for future coordination with other Houston neighborhoods to push for character standards and open conversations with Developers.

### Guest Speaker: Mitchell Hanzik – Allen Harrison

- Re: Boone Manor development: Mitchell is a MPNA resident and lives across the street from the proposed development.
  - Proposed 249 units, 13 stories including a parking podium. Rental units will range in price from \$1,771 to \$5,235. About 2/3- 1 bedroom and 1/3 – 2 bedrooms. Parking is as required by CoH code.
  - The “front door” will be on Crawford although all sides will be designed to be respectful of the street with deep setbacks. Attempt will be made to save existing street trees.
  - Architecture is deemed “Mediterranean Revival”. A local example of the approximate size is at 7557 Main St. More examples on their website.
  - Construction should take about 20 months.
  - They will seek two variances; parallel parking on two sides and the use of a granite sidewalk on the Crawford entry side. Crawford will be the most commercial side with a leasing office, entry, and café.
  - They have funds for community engagement which currently suggest replacement of street lights with those like Hermann Park's and improvements to the esplanade on Crawford.
  - The presentation will be available on the MPNA website.

**President's Report: Ruth Ann Skaff for Sandy Stevens (not present) for Museum Park Super Neighborhood**

- Caroline Promenade Pre-Design update: Public meetings to occur in the Fall.
- Parking Management meetings to occur in late August regarding community parking plan

**Vice President's Report: Pam Campbell**

- Letter to Fiesta Management: Sent to Rice and Fiesta regarding concern over food distribution and impacts to neighborhood.
- TLH Update: Letter to CM Boykins and CM Cisneros. Awaiting Boykins to return from vacation.

**Secretary's Report: Greg Quintero**

- Minutes posted on website

**Treasurer's Report: Cynthia Tang**

- Financial Update: Currently about \$28,562 in the bank. The Treasurer's report is available in the members section of our website.
- Green Team Report: Survey results emailed to members and will be posted to website regarding the proposed esplanade endcap gardens and pocket prairie; overwhelming support. Waiting on Dept of Neighborhoods grant but we will likely begin preparing the beds with MNPA funds.

**Parliamentarian: Bill Powell**

- No report

**Committee Reports**

1. Membership: Louis Selig
  - Strength in numbers. Encourage everyone to join
2. Community Engagement: Cindy and Cathy
  - Meet and Greet immediately following MPNA meeting at Lucille's on the patio
  - Volunteers needed for National Night Out scheduled for Oct 1. New opportunities being discussed
3. Quality of Life: Kim Mickelson
  - See previous report
4. Safety & Security: Brittani Flowers (not present)
  - No report
5. Preservation: Lynn Dahlberg (not present)
  - No report

**Announcements:**

- Parking Management is hosting an Alameda Corridor Meeting, August 8, 5:30 p.m. at Clayton Library, 5300 Caroline. Includes Chenevert (west), Wentworth (south,) 288 (east), and Palm (north)

**Adjournment**

Time: 7:01 pm