



MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 5, 2020

Location: Covenant Church

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

President's Report: Sandy Stevens

- Introduction: Officer Marlon Stevens, Houston Police Department – HPD Report
 - For our area, statistics for January 2020 compared to last year, robberies, assaults, and overall thefts were down. Other crime statistics remained the same
 - HPD cleanup w TxDoT is ongoing
 - Fill out a residential affidavit and have it on file to be able to report trespassing on your property
 - Cause of death for body found recently in the neighborhood was ruled a suicide
- Introduction: Bob Cavnar – Private security report
 - Previously studied about three years ago. A security patrol would be separate from MPNA; is challenged by gaining enough interest; would likely utilize Constables; would need about 200 members (out of about 2200 households) to pay about \$500 / year; would cover the area currently bounded by the MPNA borders (possibly the Super Neighborhood boundaries; would need to confirm one or two shifts
 - Nearby MAMA patrol has a model that MPNA could follow. Costs are about \$88K for a 40 hrs / week patrol plus about \$20K / year administration costs. Membership participation begins at \$500 with no added benefits
 - Benefits include: direct dispatch number; away on vacation checks when requested; overall better sense of security; reportedly faster response times
 - Sign up if interested. Volunteers needed including for door to door solicitors.
- Update: Walkable Places/Transit Oriented Development
 - Museum Park position statement was emailed in January. Concerns over the Walkable Places ordinance include: lack of clarification; extending the subject area from ¼ mile to a Transit node to ½ mile; reduced parking requirements; and lack of residential buffering.
 - Feb 20 is the deadline for comments, but there is a possible extension
 - Visit https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/committee_walkable-places.html for more information.
- Update: Community Parking Program
 - Parking Management rollout of Community Parking Program. Parking meters will go live Feb 11. Residents should have received information on how to purchase permits. Cost is about \$30 / year for each permit.
 - Visit <https://www.houstontx.gov/parking/museum-park.html> for more information
- MPSN report
 - Caroline Promenade: Caroline Promenade Pre-Design to be presented at the February 12 Southeast Management District Board Meeting.

Vice President's Report: Pam Campbell

1. Fiesta has made improvements to the facility including fencing the property. Residents are encouraged to patronize the store.

Secretary's Report: Greg Quintero

- January General Meeting minutes posted on the website

Treasurer's Report: Cynthia Tang

- 2020 Budget & Financial Report is posted online. The 2020 budget of \$11,650 was approved. About \$28K in the bank account which is about \$4K more than last year attributed primarily to an increase in membership.
- Green Team Report: MPNA was awarded a Department of Neighborhoods matching grant of \$4K that will be matched by MPNA in the amount of \$4K. The total \$8K will be applied toward the 6 proposed endcaps and an esplanade Pocket Prairie Park in the 4600 block of Crawford. MP paid a resident and his company to prepare the endcap planting beds. A planting date will be confirmed and announced. Volunteers needed.

Parliamentarian: Bill Powell

- (no report)

Committee Reports

1. Preservation: Lynn Dahlberg
 - Report on Feb 1 Julia Ideson Library Tour
2. Membership: Louis Selig (not present)
 - (no report)
3. Community Engagement: Cindy Woods / Cathy Ehlinger
 - Meet & Greet after the meeting hosted at Spanish Village
4. Quality of Life: Kim Mickelson (not present) / Brittani Flowers
 - Strategy will kick off in Feb
5. Safety & Security: Linda Paulson / Diedre Barrett
 - Volunteers needed to participate in the Security Patrol initiative

Announcements: Sandy Stevens

- Guest Introductions: Elected Officials and Electoral Candidates
 - Maria T. Jackson, Harris County Commissioner – Precinct 1 candidate

Adjournment

Time: 7:27 pm