



MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 04, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting via Crowdcast. 38 participants registered. Meeting was recorded

Call to Order: 6:03 pm (start of presentation)

President's Report: Sandy Stevens

- METRONext. *Moving Forward* presentation by METRO Representatives Chena Karega (with Public Engagement Team), and Linda Trevino. Highlights include:
 - Metro continues to offer essential services during Covid
 - Covid has impacted ridership. About 120,000 rides during weekday with emphasis on safety:
 - Ticketless app is being promoted, required face masks for everyone
 - Daily and mid-day cleaning
 - Masks offered and hand sanitizers
 - Social distancing
 - Voters approved \$3.5M bond for about 500 miles in the region over 40 projects
 - Metro Bus Rapid Transit – About 75 miles. Similar to Silver Line in the Galleria area
 - Inner Katy in planning
 - Prelim work on University Corridor
 - Universal Accessibility improvements to all stops. Includes “Boost” program which enhance most used routes. 54 Scott route (in conceptual planning stage), 56 Airline (improvements for 14 stops along Studewood)
 - Rail extensions to key locations
 - Has been named Outstanding Public Transportation of the Year by AFTA
- Q: Status of Wheeler Station related to suppression of highway?
A: Ongoing discussions
- Q: University corridor: How does this impact MPNA?
A: It should benefit
- Q: Where and when will Lite Rail be extended?
A: Extensions proposed in plan
- Q: Will extension follow ETJ toward Montgomery Co?
A: Not currently in place but perhaps in partnership programs
- Q: University BRT completion?
A: Prelim discussions about to begin
- Q: Does Metro coord with Houston Bike Path
A: Not directly, but Boost could enhance connections.
- Q: University Line on Wheeler; where are stops?

A: None yet defined. Community engagement must inform first.

Q: More environmentally sound initiatives for buses?

A: Office of innovation could address

Q: Will 2021 Metro budget increase?

A: Unknown at this time

- Livable Places Action Committee October 20 meeting update. To view the meeting: https://houstontx.gov/planning/meeting_documents.html
Next Meeting: November 17. Buffering Focus Group to begin in January. Conservation District Focus Group met October 22.
- 2021 Officer Elections: Slate attached
 - 22 Members required for quorum (confirmed during meeting)
 - No nominations received from Membership from the floor (via the chat line)
 - Slate posted prior to meeting via website Agenda and read aloud during meeting
 - Approval by acclamation via chat line

MPSN Report: Ruth Ann Skaff

- October 14 panel discussion about resilient Cities. Recorded and on Super Neighborhood website
- HGAC memorandum re: I-45 project
- CM Sallie Alcorn's Regulatory and Neighborhood Affairs Committee met Monday, Nov. 2 to discuss issue of noise permits. Details and link to this meeting available at <https://www.houstontx.gov/council/committees/rna.html>
- Caroline Promenade: Tree pruning begins next week
- Parking: Community Parking Plan is working well. Parking Benefit District (kicks back a modest sum to our neighborhood) is slow to start up due to pandemic.
- Java Lava has reopened
- Ginger Kale opened by train station at Hermann Park
- *My Home is Here* survey available on MPSN website and at <https://kinder.rice.edu/my-home-here>

Vice President's Report: Sandy for Pam Campbell

- Next virtual PIP meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- \$100 donated to HPD South Central by MPNA for their Halloween community event

Secretary's Report: Sandy for Greg Quintero

- General Meeting minutes from the September 2 virtual meeting are posted to MPNA website

Treasurer's Report / Green Team Report: Sandy for Cynthia Tang

- Financial report: Posted online. \$30,000 in the bank. Dollars will be tapped for esplanades
- Green Team Report:
 - Southmore esplanade landscaping. Waiting on construction of the Southmore bridge over 288 to be completed.

Parliamentarian: Bill Powell

- (no report)

Committee Reports

1. Preservation: Lynn Dahlberg
 - (no report)
2. Membership: Sandy for Louis Selig
 - Stay connected and please continue to pay your dues

3. Community Engagement: Sandy for Cindy Woods / Cathy Ehlinger
 - National Night Out (NNO): Event occurred Tuesday, October 6. Nine groups registered.
 - December at Lucille's will not occur this year due to Covid. Potential for April outdoor event
4. Quality of Life: Sandy for Kim Mickelson
 - Joselyn Thomas will Co-Chair
 - Dee Harris at CoH dee.harris@houstontx.gov to have political signs to be removed
5. Safety & Security: Sandy for Deirdre Barrett
 - Volunteers still needed to secure a private security patrol.

Announcements: Sandy Stevens

- Next General meeting January 6 (No meeting in December)

Adjournment

Time: 6:58 pm

End of Notes by Greg Quintero

The notes above represent the Author's understanding of the meeting discussion. Please provide any comments or corrections to the Author within 5 days of distribution of these minutes, otherwise the notes will remain as a factual recordation of the discussion.

2021 MPNA Officer Slate

President	Sandy Stevens
Vice-President	Pam Campbell
Secretary	Greg Quintero
Treasurer	Cynthia Tang
Parliamentarian	Bill Powell
Membership	Louis Selig
Community Engagement	Cindy Woods Cathy Ehlinger, Co-Chair
Quality of Life	Kim Mickelson Joselyn Thomas, Co-Chair
Preservation	Lynn Dahlberg
Safety & Security	Deirdre Barrett
Museum Park Super Neighborhood Delegates	Kathleen O'Reilly, Sandy Stevens, Nick Hellyar, Barbara McGuffey (alternate)