



MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 02, 2022
Location: Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline. 45+ participants
Call to Order: 6:03 pm

President's Report: Sandy Stevens

- Introduction by Sandy Stevens. Houston Police Department - South Central Station's Sgt. C. Corgey (and Officer Flores)
 - Delta comparing February of 2021 to February 2022. Part 1 crimes reported to FBI for MPNA beat. Murders 0, Sexual assault +2, Robberies +3, Aggravated robbery +3, Burglaries -5, Theft +4, Burglary in motor vehicles +6, Auto thefts +3
 - Ongoing conversations about businesses placing parking cones on public streets
- Introduction by Sandy Stevens. City of Houston, Solid Waste Department, Community Outreach - Alyce Coffey. (713)504-7438. [City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department \(houstontx.gov\)](http://houstontx.gov) for more information on recycling
 - Challenges with staffing shortages
 - Some questions / issues were submitted in advance. Not all Q&A is reported here.:
 - Q1. Why isn't recycle pick-up consistent
 - A1. Trucks are aged and Solid Waste is underfunded
 - Q2. Biggest recycling no-no?
 - A2. Plastic bags and batteries. Do not put recyclables inside plastic bags (all items should be loose – papers may be placed in a brown bag) or batteries in your recycling. No greasy pizza boxes. Milk cartons are ok now. Take plastic bags to grocery store, etc.
 - Q3. Cost benefit of recycling
 - A3. Trying to extend the life of landfills
 - Q4. What are issues with Bins placement, timing?
 - A4. Bins generally need to be removed the same day. Regular trash pickup is given priority, so recycle bin and regular yard waste may lag. Solid Waste has no punitive enforcement authority.
 - Q5. Trash on esplanade.
 - A5. Esplanades generally belong to Parks
 - Q6. Is Styrofoam recyclable?
 - A6. No. Place it in your regular trash
 - Q7. Can lids be recycled or should they be removed?
 - A7. Currently ok to leave on the container lid (which is recyclable), but a best practice is to empty and rinse out the container.
 - Q8. Best practice for paper like mail?
 - A8. Loose papers ok and preferred. In a paper bag is ok
 - Q9. Bin placement
 - A9 Handle facing toward the residence, lid closed
 - Q10. Do parked cars interfere with pick-up?

- A10. Yes. No parking on trash day signs are available. Must work with Parking Management to secure 'no parking' signs.
- Museum Park Heavy Tree Waste / Junk Waste. Schedule of days when to put waste out will be distributed via mail to the neighborhood.
- Update: CM Sallie Alcorn Noise Abatement Efforts. CM continues to work on tweaking the ordinances related to bar and restaurant noise. MPNA has provided a letter of support.

MPSN Report: Bill Powell

- Traffic calming proposed for problematic areas. Includes bump-outs. info@museumparksn.org for more info.
- Security Alliance (HPD and security officers representing primarily museums) continues to coordinate efforts. Spring break March 12 – 20 will create traffic congestion and parking challenges.
- Dog Park has celebrated the groundbreaking and continues fundraising Hermann Park.
- Miller Theater opening May 1.

Vice President's Report: Pam Campbell

- \$100 Donation to HPD South Central Station for Easter outreach

Secretary's Report: Greg Quintero

- February 2, 2022, General Minutes posted to MPNA website

Treasurer's Report / Green Team Report: Cynthia Tang

- Financial report: Posted online. Cash on hand - \$24,521
- Green Team Report: 16 neighborhood end-caps scheduled for clean-up March 12. Look for email call for volunteers.
- Question about status of Caroline Promenade – A pre-design (funded by former CM Boykins and Houston Southeast Management District) based on the Museum Park Livable Center Study is complete. Funding needs to be secured before next steps.

Parliamentarian: Bill Powell

- No report

Committee Reports

1. Membership: Lynn Dahlberg (Louis Selig not present)
 - Reminder emails for online renewal have been sent out
2. Community Engagement: Cindy Woods / Cathy Ehlinger
 - Covenant Church Easter Egg Hunt, April 16. All are invited
 - Other meet and greets anticipated with relaxing of COVID protocols
3. Quality of Life & Infrastructure: Sandy for Kim Mickelson
 - Upcoming Sidewalk Survey for MPNA not ready per CoH
4. Safety & Security: Joselyn Thomas
 - Block party March 27, 11:00 – 6:00 on Alameda between Wichita and Arbor Armore and Palm. Expect traffic congestion
 - Bike lane proposal for Blodgett or Cleburne, East or West, one direction on each side, from Scott to Transit Center. Article in Chronicle showing map. More info will be posted to MPNA website
5. Preservation: Nick Hellyar (not present)
 - Welcome him as new Chair

Announcements: Sandy Stevens

- Next General Meeting April 6 at Covenant Church. Program anticipated to include “Best Friends” animal fostering

Adjournment

Time: 7:25 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.