



Museum Park General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday March 7, 2018

Location: Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin

Presidents Report – Sandy Stevens

- The general meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Sandy Stevens.
- Thank you for those who worked on the End Caps. This is the 4th year for neighbors working with neighbors, to create a park like setting.

Museum Park Super Neighborhood – Kathleen O'Reilly (not in attendance)

- Discussion regarding Holocaust Museum current plans to exchange their debt to the city for 2008 purchase of 1300 block of Calumet by creating a pocket park behind Clayton Library on north lanes of 1200 block of Calumet. There is concern about how that street closure and creation of small green space will affect the neighborhood and about maintenance of such a space. MPNA is asking for an alternative option. Ms. Stone asked about when the HMH notified adjacent property owners regarding green space plan. Suggested that Ms. Stone's son may have been notified.
- a) Some discussion about speed on Caroline and stop signs.
- b) Suppression of 59 discussion. Kathleen was not able to attend so Sandy Stevens updated the project. There are many organizations involved in discussions to create cap parks...MPNA, MPSN, Midtown, etc. Midtown boundaries were clarified. They overlap in MPNA boundaries.

Vice Presidents Report – Barbara McGuffey

- Barbara attended the March 6th Midtown Strategic Plan meeting. The 5-year plan looks very nice.
- Midtown TIRZ overlaps MPNA boundaries, so if you live between West Alabama and US 59, or see something that is illegal while driving in the area, please call their private security contractor – Seal Security at 832-900-7700. They will act as your security for this area. They are not allowed to go into the encampment, but they will call Public Intoxication Team (PIT) to address the situation.
- MPNA Member Kevin Campbell – attended a homeless meeting at 1st Presbyterian, recently. Hank Rush CEO of Star of Hope was one of many speakers. Kevin reported that 79% of the emergency shelters are faith based. The way to end homeless is to provide them a home. Homelessness has actually declined in Houston. Still have 3,600 homeless and only 1,100 beds.

Secretary Report – Bill Powell

- The minutes are posted on MPNA web site – just go to documents.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Tang

- Recognized the Flowers Family donation – matching funds. So far they have donated \$1,722.00. Dues from members in 2016 was \$6,885 and in 2017 it is 6,235. Current balance is \$19,770.00. We did spend about \$900 on the end caps so when bills are paid, it will be a little less.

Parliamentarian – Kim Mickelson (not in attendance)

Membership – Louis Selig (not in attendance)

Community Engagement – Cindy Woods

- MPNA will co-sponsor Easter Egg Hunt (MPNA providing eggs) with Covenant Church on March 31st. Details to come.
- National Night scheduled Oct 2nd.
- Lucille’s Holiday Dinner scheduled Dec 3rd.
- Bodegas Fundraiser will be scheduled soon.

Safety & Security – Chris Erickson (not in attendance)

- Barbara opened to member questions
- Super Neighborhood and Houston SE Mgt have police patrols in the area 24/7. Patrols extend from Alabama to Rosedale and Main to Caroline. Additional security units include Seal Security 7a-7p; PIT M-F from 7a-7p; Metro Patrol; and HCC Patrol.
- Questions about Houston Museum of African American History (HMAAC). Museum patrons are parking in the median during evening events. Sandy will reach out to Charles Hunter to request they stop. Also neighbors can call 713-884-3131 and let them know parking in the median is causing a safety hazard.
- Why is homeless camp still there? Barbara explained the city continues to work on this complex problem.
- We are helping to sponsor HPD extravaganza – Easter egg hunt. Details are on next door.

Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg

- Committee has begun working toward a Sears Retrospective.

Announcements – John Stevens

- a) Dan’s House of Hope – a seven bedroom home in Museum Park for teens and young adults who are battling cancer. They will be hosting a fundraiser at Saint Arnolds Brewery from 4-6 pm on March 11th. \$40 donation includes Beer and Food.
- b) Introduced Chena Karega from the Metro Transit Authority, public relations representative, who recently joined Metro.

Meeting adjourned about 7:45pm.