



MPNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 7, 2018

Location: Covenant Church

Time: 6:00 pm - Meeting brought to order by Sandy Stevens

- 1) Councilman Dwight Boykins was in attendance and spoke about accomplishments and challenges:
 - HEB coming soon to S. MacGregor. He is planning a bus tour for about 25 neighbors to visit of the HEBs. There will be community input.
 - MLK Blvd. has undergone great improvement, which he spearheaded.
 - He has designated \$100,000 from his budget to target neighborhood mobility improvements.
 - Encampment and the fires – He went to Fire station 7 and had Firefighters go with him to the homeless campsite. He spoke to several of the homeless about alternate accommodations, but they refused. He said the city is making significant progress to remove them from under Hwy 59. He is concerned about homeless making the metro shelters their shelter.

There was discussion about the Santa Anna River Bed homeless. Boykins asked for patience even though the restraining order has been removed. City is moving cautiously.

Sears Building will be fenced as soon as Rice Endowment takes possession. Target date is Feb 15th.

Bar scene on Alameda is becoming a problem. Discussion on safety and trash. It was recommended that MPNA attend the Alameda TIRZ or HouSE Management to discourage Bar Activity and additional bars to the area.

- 2) Sandy Stevens – President

Reported on 2018 Goals

- LCS
- Communication
- Safety
- Unify and speak with one voice

- 3) Lynn Dahlberg – Preservation Chairman
 - Suggested viewing the documentary “This is our Home and it is not for sale”. The neighborhood has gone through many changes – Hwy 288 bought many homes for right of eminent domain. Med Center, Psychiatric Center and Colleges. Suggested a memorial to the old Sears Bldg.
- 4) Kathleen O’Reilly – President of MPSN
 - US 59 suppression – showed diagram, building should start late 2019 or 2020
 - US 59 caps at Caroline, Fannin and Main
 - Rice Endowment has hired a world class Architect out of NY to design the 9+ acres. They are focused on this being an income generating property.
 - Parking changes around Hermann Park. They have asked for MPNA input.
 - Southmore Bridge will be torn down after Spring Break and out of commission for 18 months. There is a link on MPNA web site.
 - Meeting at Kathleen O’Reilly house to plan for esplanade clean up and planting.
- 5) Barbara McGuffey – VP – nothing to report
- 6) Bill Powell – Secretary – Minutes from the January meeting will be posted soon.
- 7) Cynthia Tang – Treasurer – Year-end financials will be presented next month, financial statements are posted on web site.
- 8) Louis Selig – Membership – currently have 165 members and encourages everyone to get their neighbors to join.
- 9) Cindy Woods – Community Engagement – see web site for future activities.
- 10) Chris Erickson – Safety and Security. Talking to TxDOT but they are not very responsive. He will continue to push for action – especially for Fire Safety.

Announcements: Barbara McGuffey went to Midtown meeting. Suggested others attend. They have many resources that could help our neighborhood. The March MPNA meeting will be held at Unitarian Church on Fannin.