



Minutes, Feb 6, 2019 General Meeting at Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President, Sandy Stevens, at 6:00 pm.

Quorum

A quorum of members was present.

Presentations

- HPD Presentation of 2018 Community Service Award to MPNA
- Marc Eichenbaum, City of Houston, Mayor's Office on Homeless Initiatives

Election of Past President, Greg Quintero, as Director

- President, Sandy Stevens, announced that 2016 Past President, Greg Quintero, volunteered to serve on the MPNA Board in the open position of Immediate Past President.
- According to the bylaws, Sandy nominated Greg and he was unanimously elected to serve on the MPNA Board by the quorum of members present.

President's Report - Sandy Stevens

- MPNA participated in a Feb 4, 2019 meeting, organized by the Riverside Civic Association, to reopen the discussion with TXDOT regarding 288 Sound Barrier placement on both the east and west sides of the freeway. MPNA will continue to participate as these discussions move forward and the MPNA Board may be asked to evaluate, propose, and support new solutions requested.
- Update, Austin/LaBranch/Crawford Bikeway Project: Bicycles and vehicles will share the road using signage to indicate a bikeway. Parking in Museum Park will not be impacted. Benefits - Traffic experts report that Bikeways tend to slow traffic on streets, generally making neighborhood streets safer. Plans for safe crossing measures at Hermann Dr./Crawford are also part of the Bikeway project.
- Update, Museum Park Community Parking Plan and Parking Benefit District ordinances will open for public comment on Feb 11 for a 30 Day period. For more details and to add your input, see ParkHouston website.

Vice President's Report – Pam Campbell

- No Report.

Secretary's Report – Barbara McGuffey

- No Report.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Tang

- Green Team Report – Sign up for Feb 16 End Cap Work Day.

Parliamentarian – Bill Powell

- No Report.

Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg

- Lynn Dahlberg asked for volunteers to assist with the “Memories on Main” Project, which will include a Sears retrospective. Skills will be needed to gather and prepare pictures and documents to be curated in an exhibit planned for later this year with Lawndale Art Center.

Membership – Louis Selig

- No Report.

Community Engagement – Cindy Woods (not present)

- Committee Co-Chair, Cathy Ehlinger, expressed thanks to Turkey Leg Hut for hosting the “Meet and Eat” after the Jan 2 meeting and announced that MPNA will again be assisting Covenant Church in their annual Easter Egg Hunt, date to be announced.

Quality of Life & Infrastructure – Kim Mickelson

- Focus of committee efforts will be Livable Centers Study (LCS). Let Kim know if you are interested in volunteering to be on the committee.

Safety and Security – Pam Campbell

- Pam Campbell and Barbara McGuffey, will continue to participate as MPNA representatives on the Neighborhood Task Force (NTF) with the Coalition for the Homeless. While the Wheeler Encampment has been closed, the NTF will engage and assist where possible in the ongoing process to address homeless issues. Although Marilyn Brown is no longer with the Coalition, the NTF has been invited to meet with the newly announced Coalition Interim President/CEO, Mike Nichols.

Announcements:

- Public Meeting for the Commons at Hermann Park. Thursday, February 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, 1500 Hermann Drive
- HEB Groundbreaking, 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 9 @ North MacGregor Way & Hwy 288.
- Next General Meeting, March 6: Topic, MetroNext. Because of Ash Wednesday Services, MPNA meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall of Covenant Church.
- April 3 Meeting, a joint meeting with MPSN, hosting Rice Management Team to present plans for the Ion (former Sears Building) & the Innovation District

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara McGuffey
Secretary