



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

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President, Sandy Stevens, at 6:05 pm.

Quorum

A quorum of members was present.

Presentations

- Sgt. Flores, South Central Division HPD DRT*
*DRT: Differential Response Team members receive specialized training using non-traditional methods of police work.
- METRO NEXT: Moving Forward – Chena Karega

Introduction of Justice of the Peace (JP), Judge Jeremy Brown

Judge Jeremy L. Brown was sworn in as Presiding Judge of Harris County Justice of the Peace Court (Precinct 7-1) on November 16, 2018. Judge Brown encouraged all to utilize the Justice of the Peace Court.

Welcome Brittani Flowers as new MPNA Safety and Security Chair

- Sandy Stevens announced that Brittani Flowers has volunteered to serve as MPNA Safety and Security Chair. The MPNA Board has unanimously approved Brittani to fill the unexpired term of this open position. Brittani has a Masters degree in Urban Planning from Texas State University (TSU) and we are fortunate to have her expertise on our MPNA Board.
- Brittani will initially focus on Alameda Corridor issues, as she lives adjacent to Alameda; while VP Pam Campbell will continue her focus on the Coalition for the Homeless, Neighborhood Task Force, and other Wheeler Corridor and Museum Park issues.

President's Report - Sandy Stevens

- Museum Park Community Parking Ordinance and Parking Benefit District Ordinance Update -
The MPNA Board is currently drafting comments to be submitted to Museum Park Super Neighborhood and Parking Management as ordinances are finalized for submission to City Council. For further details and to submit your own comments by March 13, go to Parking Management website.
- Update: Caroline Promenade and Grant Application –
Pre-design for the Caroline Promenade, a project outlined in Museum Park's Livable Centers Study, is currently underway. SWA, landscape architects for the project, will hold public meetings in the spring to gather input. Although the Caroline Promenade project did not receive implementation funding in the 2018 H-GAC grant awards, completion of the design will better position the project for future grants.

Vice President's Report – Pam Campbell

- No Report.

Secretary's Report – Barbara McGuffey

- No Report.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia Tang

- Green Team Report –
March 23: The Green Team will host a garage sale on Saturday, March 23, 5121-5127 Jackson. Proceeds from the Garage Sale will benefit end-cap improvements/maintenance. To make a donation or to volunteer your time, email info@museumpark.org. Mark your calendars to stop by on March 23, 8:00-2:00.

Parliamentarian – Bill Powell

- No Report.

Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg (not present)

- On behalf of Preservation committee, Brittani Flowers 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

- April 20, Joint MPNA/Covenant Church Easter Egg Hunt: MPNA will join the members of Covenant Church to host the annual Museum Park Easter Egg Hunt.

Quality of Life & Infrastructure – Kim Mickelson (not present)

- In Kim's absence, Barbara McGuffey reported that Kim Mickelson (QoL Chair) recently reviewed variance request on the south side of Calumet@Chenevert with input from neighboring MPNA member. Because the variance request aligned with the goals of the Livable Centers Study and supported preservation efforts, MPNA did not protest the request, which was subsequently approved by the Planning Commission.
- Please email info@museumparkna.org if you see any variance signs in Museum Park, so that we can assist in getting information and evaluating for possible further action. Also, please email if you see development in the neighborhood and have other concerns

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 on March 21.
- March 19 HPD South Central Division PIP meeting is at 7pm at HPD Station, 2202 St. Emanuel 77003. Guest speaker is Harris County District Attorney Investigator, Chuck Cornelius, with the After Hours Task Force who will be discussing the topic of bars/clubs over-serving alcohol to patrons and other issues regarding nuisance bars/clubs.

Announcements:

- March 12: Dan's House of Hope, a bed & breakfast for young adult cancer patients located in Museum Park, will host their annual St. Patrick's Day event at St. Arnold's Brewery on Tuesday.
- April 3, Joint MPNA/MPSN Meeting: Rice Management Team will present plans for the ION (former Sears Building) & the Innovation District. Also contributing to the program will be Marie Hoke, architect with Central Houston (Downtown Management District), who will give an update on the bridge designs connecting Museum Park to the Innovation District.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara McGuffey
Secretary