

MUSEUM PARK GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 Clayton Library Carriage House

1. President's Report – Sandy Stevens

- a. The General Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the President and a quorum of members was present.
- b. Kathleen O'Reilly, on behalf of the Museum Park Super Neighborhood introduced Pat Jasper from the Houston Arts Alliance. Pat came to discuss the Bayou Trails Project ([ourbayoutrails.com](http://ourbayoutrails.com)), a citizen-driven, community-oriented public art project.
  - Funding is from the National Endowment for the Arts—an 'Our Town' grant—along with the Brown Foundation. With a beginning budget of \$150K, HAA plans to install projects at Mason, MacGregor & Hermann Parks (funds to be split evenly across the parks).
  - The art cannot be permanent, but there are really no other limits aside from budget. (Be creative!)
  - A series of community meetings was set to gather community input and develop a vision for each park. An RFP will then be issued.
    - The next Hermann Park meeting is April 29, 10-11:30am, Judson Robinson Community Center)
    - HAA hopes to have the RFPs out by the end of May, with a goal for production to run from Fall 2017 through Spring 2018 (this will, in some part, depend on the nature of the projects).
  - A panel of judges will be chosen for each park, with representation from the respective park, the arts community, and the respective neighborhoods.
  - Longer term, HAA hopes to raise further funds to utilize the new railway system to better connect the three parks.
- c. Kathleen announces that the MP Livable Centers Study will be the recipient of the 2017 Honor Award for Planning & Analysis from the Texas chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.
- d. Kathleen provided an update on city ordinances related to the homeless encampment and panhandling. The ordinances should be voted on at next week's council meeting, and all indications point to their passing. A 30-day window will then commence to allow for information roll-out & acclimation.
  - Regarding low-barrier shelters, each district was asked to identify potential locations. Kathleen has not heard any news about potential locations in District D, but these shelters cannot be near schools or in residential areas.
- e. Sandy provided an update on neighborhood concerns related to developers/development.
  - The Southmore: In cooperation with City Engineering & Public Works Dept, damage to the esplanade is being addressed. New cedar elms will be planted to mitigate the loss of a 24" tree. The developer will have responsibility for care of the trees for 1 year.
    - We are also working with the city regarding repair of streets, curbs, gutters.
  - The Mondrian: Construction is now underway. Note that it lies between two preschools. MPNA already working with the owner & construction company,
  - Armin Porter notes that developers will now realize that Museum Park residents will hold them accountable; we are informed on city ordinances. These types of issues should decrease.
  - Cindy Woods suggest that if you see development planned, to be proactive: take 'before' photos; call 311 if you have concerns. It was also suggested to use social media if warranted.
  - Trash on esplanades: Call 311 or use the app. And also let the MPNA Board know.

2. Vice-President's Report: No report

3. Secretary's Report – Sara Gladden

- a. March minutes are on the website for your review.
- b. Join the Museum Park Neighborhood Association Facebook group. Let's make this more interactive. You do need to request to join, but requests are handled quickly. Once you join, you can post, comment, etc.

4. Treasurer's Report –Cynthia Tang

- a. Through 3/31, we have \$17,355.86 in the account. See the website for further details.
- b. Check to see if your employer will match your dues/donations.

5. Parliamentarian Report – Armin Porter (No Report)

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership Chair – Barbara McGuffey

- i) Please volunteer for committees; we want to make MPNA work with and for you.
- ii) Current total: 162 members. Family-level memberships count as one member.

b. Community Engagement Chair – Cindy Woods

- i) Cindy is seeking volunteers—email her for more information.
- ii) April 15: Easter Egg Hunt at Covenant Church: volunteers are needed to fill eggs.

c. Quality of Life and Infrastructure – Kathleen O'Reilly (no additional report)

d. Safety and Security – Greg Quintero

- i) The next PIP meeting for our area will be 4/18, 7pm 2202 St. Emanuel St. These take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- ii) Crime is down, except for smash & grabs. Please be careful when parking cars & do not leave belongings in plain sight. There is a plan to work with HPD to place 'report cards' on cars to warn owners of risky behavior.
- iii) Please let Greg or other Board members know of safety/security concerns. No one wants this area to have a reputation for crime—not residents and not the museums & businesses.

e. Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg

- i) The committee plans to meet monthly, on the second Wed of each month. Contact Lynn for more information.
- ii) Goals: honor the past & explore the rich history of the neighborhood.
- iii) The committee is thinking of planning tours of the neighborhood.
- iv) Sandy Stevens notes that she would like to see a History page on the website

7. New Business and Announcements

- a. A representative from Smith Opticians briefly spoke. 4313 Austin St  
<http://smithsopticians.com/>

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Sara Gladden, MPNA Secretary*