MUSEUM PARK GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 Clayton Library Carriage House

1. President’s Report – Sandy Stevens

a. The General Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by the President and a quorum of

members was present.

b. Sgt. Farquhar, HPD was introduced

i) HPD ChiefAcevedo will be touring the US-59 encampment soon.

ii) An update on Museum Park crime statistics was presented.

Iii) As a reminder, please be aware of your surroundings and do not leave valuables in your vehicles. Burglaries to motor vehicles are on the rise across Houston. There has also been an increase in ‘jugging’—targeting a person for theft or robbery as they leave a bank with cash.

iv) A police report must be filed for a crime/incident to make its way into HPD statistics. (Note that Precinct 7 uses a separate reporting system from HPD.) Thefts of under $500 can be reported through the HPD online portal: <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/online_report.htm>

v) Increased crime, mostly car break-ins, noted on the Almeda corridor. Kathleen O’Reilly noted that Houston SouthEast has also requested increased patrolling of this area by the Constables.

c. Safety & Security—Greg Quintero

i) The next citywide PIP is March 14, 7pm at the 1602 State St auditorium. See <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/pip/> for more information.

ii) See the MPNA website for information related to crime statistics, PIP meetings, Citizens on Patrol (please volunteer!), etc.

iii) MPSN is re-initiating their Security Alliance. The next meeting will be March 21 & an update will be provided at the April MPNA meeting.

d. Update on MPNA action related to the homelessness issue

i) Sandy, Greg & Kathleen have met with all At-Large CMs; all recognize the severity of the situation and have pledged their support

ii) The Mayor will release his Plan March 2, 2017. MPNA will provide updates to residents.

2. Vice-President’s Report

No Report as Kim was not present.

3. Secretary’s Report – Sara Gladden

a. Feb minutes are on the website for your review.

b. Please consider joining the new Communications Committee. If you have any suggestions/questions/comments, email Sara: saragladden@comcast.net

4. Treasurer’s Report – Sandy Stevens for Cynthia Tang

a. The 2017 MPNA budget was presented.

b. The monthly report was provided; see the website for details.

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.

b. Community Engagement Chair – Cindy Woods

i) Cindy is seeking volunteers—email her for more information.

ii) A dinner at Bodega’s is in the planning stage. More information will be provided soon.

iii) April 15: Easter Egg Hunt at Covenant Church: volunteers are needed to fill eggs.

c. Quality of Life and Infrastructure – Kathleen O’Reilly

i) TxDoT update: Work on I-45 will begin ahead of schedule. As a reminder, US-59 will be suppressed. A goal from the Livable Centers Study is to build a cap at this location for a future transit oriented development project.

ii) District D CIP meeting on March 6. This meeting will provide an overview of District-area Public Works capital improvement projects.

iii) Residential Permit Parking

* The updated ordinance is still being refined. Work is ongoing to make it more favorable to residents.

iv) Thank you to all who helped with esplanade clean-up!

d. Safety and Security – See President’s Report

e. Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg

i) Lynn notes that although we might not be able to stop progress, we can celebrate what is still here and what once was.

ii) Lynn posed the idea that we might be able to help the elderly with upkeep of their properties.

iii) If you are interested in volunteering, please email Lynn.

Iv) Sandy Stevens notes that she would like to see a History page on the website

7. New Business and Announcements

a. Sandy Stevens recognized Mrs. Stone for her recent interview regarding her role in the Civil Rights movement. See: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/houston-woman-tells-story-of-taking-stand-during-civil-rights-movement>

b. Roger Kenneavy: Dan’s House of Hope fundraiser will take place at St. Arnold’s brewery March 12 from 5-7pm. Tickets available online.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Sara Gladden, MPNA Secretary*

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