



MUSEUM PARK GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 3, 2017 Clayton Library Carriage House

1. President's Report – Sandy Stevens

- a. The General Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by the President and a quorum of members was present.
- b. Sandy introduced Officer Emilio (EJ) Reyes, HPD, to discuss concerns regarding neighborhood safety & security.

- Crime statistics reveal a marked increase in theft/burglary from motor vehicles (April 2016 vs April 2017).
 - Note: statistics presented are for all of Beat 10H70, not only Museum Park
 - This category of crime is up citywide
 - This category of crime is taking place primarily between the hours of 6am-8pm in cars parked on the street.
 - Remember NOT to leave belongings in plain sight.
 - HPD would like to increase visibility in the neighborhood, but this needs to be weighed against backdrop of city budgetary concerns.
- US-59: The anti-encampment ordinance passed & enforcement can begin May 12
 - Note: this is not a 'no trespassing' ordinance
 - The ordinance prohibits fires & tents; specifies the amount of personal belongings that can be stored outside.
 - HPD has spoken to all residents of the encampment regarding the ordinance.
 - Beginning May 12, formal warnings will be issued.
 - HPD understands 'reasonable time' to move to mean ~48hrs (with extra time possible for special cases)
 - Enforcement of the anti-panhandling ordinance will also begin May 12.
- Officer Reyes notes that Mayor Turner is scheduled to attend the June PIP meeting.
 - Reminder: PIP meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the South Central Police Station, 2202 St. Emanuel
- HPD will conduct security surveys of private property.
 - A positive survey can result in reduction of home owners' insurance
 - Call Southmore Storefront (832-394-7500) or South Central (832-394-0200) to schedule
- HPD will also monitor your property daily while you are out of town
 - Submit an alert slip: http://www.houstontx.gov/police/alert_slip/

c. Sandy introduced Constables Marshall & Jones (Precint 7)

- Constables are contracted through Houston Southeast Management District
- Their primary responsibility is to neighborhood businesses, but they are in the area & will respond to emergencies if HPD cannot
 - Like HPD, the Constables will also do vacation-related patrols & they also will patrol hotspots of interest
- Their # is 713-643-6602

d. Sandy introduced Johanna Hopkins from Commissioner Rodney Ellis's office

- See <http://hcp1.net/> for more information related to Harris County Precint 1

e. Sandy discussed issues related to development in the neighborhood

- Reminder to be aware of new development; contact MPNA with any concerns
 - Notes recent success in protesting variance requests
- Esplanade mitigation efforts are ongoing at the Southmore.

f. Kathleen (speaking as MPSN President) noted upcoming public TxDOT meetings (5/9 & 5/11) that will present information related to 59 suppression. We want a cap OVER 59, not a deadend.

2. Vice-President's Report: No report

3. Secretary's Report – Sara Gladden

- a. April 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.
- c. Contact Sara if you are interested in joining a new Communications committee.

4. Treasurer's Report –Cynthia Tang

- a. The full report can be found online.
- b. Notes a recent donation from Haliburton (by way of Steve Flowers). See if your employer has a match program.
- c. The goal of all the fundraising will be to make progress on the Livable Centers Study.

5. Parliamentarian Report – Armin Porter (No Report)

6. Committee Reports

a. Membership Chair – Barbara McGuffey

- i) New members recognized
- ii) New affiliate member, Grey Stevens, of Rehab Sports Bar & Wine Bar (1112 Southmore) recognized. Their hours are 11-2 at the bar; 4-2 at the wine bar. Hopes to have positive interactions with the neighborhood.
- iii) A membership drive is planned; details are forthcoming.

b. Community Engagement Chair – Cindy Woods

- i) April recap: Bodega's fundraiser & Easter egg hunt at Covenant Church.
- ii) Brought cookies to MacGregor Elementary for Teacher Appreciation Week.

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

d. Safety and Security – Greg Quintero (no additional report)

e. Preservation – Lynn Dahlberg

- i) The committee plans to meet monthly, on the second Wed of each month. Contact Lynn for more information.
- ii) Last meeting was at Rehab Bar; next meeting will be at HMAAC. She will publicize on Facebook & Nextdoor.

7. New Business and Announcements

- a. Kathleen O'Reilly noted that there will be a Juneteenth celebration in the neighborhood. More details can be found at <http://milleroutdoortheatre.com/events/938/>
- b. Asia Society will be hosting Asia Fest on May 13. This is a free family-friendly event, 10am-6pm. See <http://asiasociety.org/texas/events/asiafest-2017> for more details.
- c. Miller Outdoor Theatre will now be checking bags at performances. Glass is strictly prohibited.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:16.