



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly, Sandra Stevens, Ruth Ann Skaff, Christopher Eriksen, Gabriel Dunham, Julie Farr, and Doreen Stoeller,
- Other Attendees: Devin, Crittle, CofH; Carson Lucarelli, CofH; James Knight, 1400 Hermann; Cindy Woods, MPNA; Pam Campbell, MPNA; Barbara McGuffey, MPNA; Muxian Fang, CofH; Wu Ying, CofH; Shavonda Johnson, CM Dwight Boykins' Office; Carl Davis, MCAO; Shandenia Piper, CM Amanda Edwards' Office.

Date: April 11, 2018

Location: Farish Media Center, Museum Of Fine Arts, Houston

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: February Minutes to be distributed to Council Members.

President's Report:

- Introductions around the table
- Efforts continue per the Museum Park Livable Centers Study to develop connectivity from east to west and north to south, Houston Community College to Hermann Park, Main Street to Emancipation Park.
 - Houston Southeast is planning to issue a Request for Qualifications to develop the Caroline Promenade.
 - Rice Endowment's immediate plans for their property where the Sears building is located will be announced at press conference tomorrow.
- Cap Project stakeholders continue meeting.
- Walkable Places Committee established in late 2016.
 - Current regulations encourage suburban development forms, whereas Walkable Places Committee goal is to encourage a walkable urban form of development in appropriate locations through use of regulatory tools.
 - WP Committee includes 20 committee members including neighborhood reps, developers, etc.
- **Presentation by City of Houston Planning and Development Department:**
 - Characteristics of walkable places: Mixed use development, Pedestrian scale, Integration, and Multi-modal transportation
 - Proposed Application Process will allow creation of districts with unique rules sensitive to local context.
 - Unique rules will be applied to all properties within the district
 - Guiding Principles:
 - Sensitive to local context
 - Ensure walkable urban form across area
 - Promote safe multi-modal transportation
 - Create pleasant experience
 - Local support
 - Application will be presented to Planning Commission.
 - Process: Submittal—Public Engagement—Review/Modification—Action.
 - Eligible applicants:
 - Property owners representing 10% geographic area
 - Management Districts/TIRZs
 - City of Houston via Planning Commission
 - Element Menu (suggestions but can have other elements)
 - Building Line



- Pedestrian realm
- Building/site design
- Landscaping
- Parking

- Mayor-approved pilot areas include: Emancipation Avenue, Midtown, North Main

Discussion of presentation followed:

Walkable Places guidelines will only affect future developments. What are failures in existing transit corridors? Ordinance establishing Transit Corridors passed in 2009. Only 17% of development has opted in. Current ordinance does not encourage walkability.

Rules for walkable places will not dictate use; rules will dictate form-based development.

Is effort being made to overlap what is being referred to as the innovation corridor?

Will there be subcommittees for each pilot area? Three stakeholder meetings will be held for each district. Super Neighborhood could end up being initiators.

- **Presentation: Houston Bike Plan Implementation**

- Recap: By 2017 the city of Houston will be a safe, more accessible, gold level bike-friendly city.
- Toolbox includes off-street bike paths, dedicated on-street right of way, shared on-street lanes.
- Most of existing high comfort trails are along bayous.
- Implementation:
 - Project Selection; Conceptual Design (community engagement on design options); Engineering & Construction
 - Beginning year 2, there will be annual selection process
- Year one project includes Caroline/Austin. Potentially year 2 project is connecting HCC to Hermann Park.

Discussion: Will Southmore bridge include a bike trail?

Intersection at Crawford and Hermann Drive—what can make this intersection safer? What is best solution? Grant possibilities? Jackson at Hermann Drive is also dangerous.

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Safety and Security Report (Chris Eriksen):

After one of the last shootings, a bullet penetrated the interior wall of a Wheeler Street town house. HPD removed the slug from the wall and is conducting an investigation.

Next PIP meeting is Tuesday night. Topic is Loud Noise.

Kathleen reported that Rice Endowment will seek to resolve the encampment situation as their properties are redeveloped. Initially the Sears building will become an innovation hub. Rice is interested in synergy arising around cap park.

Kathleen asked for comments regarding Parking Management's upcoming Community Parking Plan.

Adjourn: 7:05 p.m.