

## **Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes**

• Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly, Paul Wilson, Mike Gillespie, Julie Farr, Ruth Ann Skaff, Kyle Wolfe, Sandy Stevens, Michael Gillespie, Julie Farr

Other Attendees: Shavonda Johnson, Juan Antonio Sorto, Cindy Woods, Carl Davis

• **Date:** October 10, 2018

**Location:** Farish Media Center, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

**Time**: 5:30 p.m.

President Kathleen O'Reilly opened the meeting and welcomed all guests. Introductions.

Minutes from the September meeting were distributed for approval by council members.

## President's Report:

- Caroline Promenade (first project from the LCS): HouSE has contracted the SWA team per RFQ proposals to complete pre-design. Plans are underway to hold small group stakeholder meetings and larger public meetings. Goodman Corp. is compiling the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) application for a federal transportation infrastructure grant of \$4 million. Letters of support need to be submitted by October 15. Several strong letters of support have already been submitted. Kathleen thanked Julie for her help in navigating HMDA members. Sandy will request letters of support from St. Paul's and The Southmore. Motion to approve MPSN letter of support was approved unanimously.
- Hermann Drive pedestrian safety meeting was held Sept. 18 on Hermann Drive. Kathleen O'Reilly, Shavonda Johnson (CM Boykin's office), James Lamas (TEI, B-cycle), Josh Sanders (HMNS, Children's Museum representative) Ruth Ann Skaff, Officer Frank Gans (HouSe Safety), and Dawn Malone (HouSE). Livable Centers Study suggests curb extensions, but further analysis may lead to consideration of alternative solutions. John Arcidiacono, new executive director of Health Museum, joined the meeting. Consensus is to ask TEI to conduct charette/workshop where participants will suggest concepts specific to Hermann Drive. TEI suggests that workshop costs likely to be \$20,000, but Kathleen will clarify those costs before requesting HouSE funding.
- Community Parking Program. Maria Irshad reported that she had just received proposed ordinance. When
  Kathleen receives the proposal, she will distribute for internal review likely in November. It will then be released
  for public comment.
- Holocaust Museum suggests we meet with Phat, architect. He said he was waiting on Holocaust & city. Brian Cummins indicated he has no new information. Discussion followed about how to approach Holocaust/city.
- Arbor care and visual de-cluttering will be part of Caroline Promenade. Julie Farr reported that MDA
  Is working on resurfacing existing signage. Monument signs/totem signs with a uniform design. Time line is by
  first of the year.

VP Report: Paul Wilson reported that Covenant Church moves into their new building later this month.

**Super Neighborhood Alliance**: Juan Antonio Sorto (Vice-Chair) reported that at Monday's SNA meeting, supporter and opponents discussed Proposition B, Fire Department's request for parity with HPD. Proposition A aims to clarify language in Rebuild Houston approved earlier.

Kathleen and Paul met with new Park Plaza Hospital CEO Peyton Elliot. HCA recently acquired Park Plaza.

## **Announcements:**

Midtown Candidate & Issue Forum slated for Thursday, October 11.

Adjourned: 6:20