



Nov. 13, 2019 Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Minutes

Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly, Paul Wilson, Sandy Stevens, Ruth Ann Skaff, Barbara McGuffey, Kyle Wolfe

Other Attendees: Collin Rapp, HPD; Ms. Joyce Owens, Owens Management Systems; Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Dist. D Candidate; Brad Levy, HMNS; Carl Davis, CoH Dept. of Neighborhoods; Cindy Woods; MPNA; Josh King; MPNA; Richard Buday, MPNA; Kristin Bird; Patricia Bird, MPNA; Elizabeth and Hugo Urquiola, MPNA; Staci Keys, StrateKeys; Danielle Bess, StrateKeys; Nick Hellyar, MPNA; Rashad Cave, COH; Pam Campbell, MPNA; Rita Jou; Dallas Jones, Elite Change; Carmen Knight.

Guests : District D Candidates: Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz
Mr. Brad "Scarface" Jordan (Mr. Jordan did not attend, Mr. Dallas Jones from Mr. Jordan's staff (Elite Change) attended)

Turkey Leg Hut Representative: Ms. Joyce Owens, Owens Management Systems, LLC

HPD Report: Officer Collin Rapp, DRT

- Main and Blodgett, TX Dot clean up
- People sleeping at Spine & Pain Clinic parking lot
- Trespass affidavits
- Kyle reported a few smash and grabs in the Hermann Park parking lot
- Office Rapp is unaware of resolution of Southmore shooting; for past year there are 68 pages of 911 calls; Cpt Zia has pulled the records
- Clustering around Fiesta
- Pacesetters now requires an employee card for any one on the premises; and they have a security guard

Special Guests:

Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, District D Candidate

Robust exchange of questions and answers about responding to needs of the neighborhood, including lack of deed restrictions, problems of mixed use, TOD, Caroline Promenade support; questioned about waivers for reduced parking for high rises; issues with bars on Alameda Ave; TX Dot and IH45 re: pedestrian bridges – working with HouSE and MidTown

Dallas Jones, campaign manager for **Brad Jordan, District D Candidate**

Attendees stated their disappointment that Brad Jordan has not accepted our invitations to meet, including tonight's invitation, and that we are unfamiliar with him and his positions. Dallas promised to arrange a meeting.

Joyce Owens, Turkey Leg Hut

Joyce described the status of the required replatting process for construction at TLH, 4830 Alameda, a commercial restaurant on contiguous properties which were previously residential. Parking requirements also have to be met, therefore TLH received a two-week extension for the replatting. She expects that TLH be approved on December 1.

The MPSN Council was reminded that at the Oct. 31, 2019 Planning Commission meeting that included the Turkey Leg Hut (TLH) replat, that Ms. Owens reported to the Planning Commission that the TLH had reached out to the Super Neighborhood. She apologized that her office had not contacted MPSN, although she had instructed staff to do so.

Danielle Keys, project manager for TLH's pit reconstruction, when asked if the health department has stamped its approval on the plan for level one ventilation to mitigate the smoke particulates coming from the open fire pits, answered affirmatively.

MPNA residents described the effect of the smoke on their health. They posed a number of questions re: how much longer before construction will begin, and once it begins, how long will construction take to add the ventilators? Will there be scrubbers? Residents also noted that cooking and wood delivery occurs overnight, causing significant noise and smoke.

When asked if she/TLH is willing to meet with neighbors, Danielle replied that she is open to dialogue with the neighbors and MPSN, but asked that the comments be objective and solution-oriented. She asked that concerns be put in writing for documentation, and comment will be taken under advisement. MPSN encouraged discussion with TLH.

Danielle offered her cell phone number, and also apologized that contact had not been made with MPSN.

President's Report: IH45 North and More. Saturday meeting
Caroline Promenade 2nd public meeting is November 14
Bike Lanes – Crawford/Hermann Dr. 4-way stop is in process, curbs and ramps being built along bike lanes
Community Parking Plan Draft Ordinance – to Council this month or next month

VP Report:

Secretary's Report: September and October minutes approved.

Committee Reports: Safety & Security: HPD, Southmore incident

Ongoing Business: Walkable Places/Transit Corridor Comments – Oct./Nov. Public Meetings
Discussion about deferring, because TOD proposed ordinances are difficult to understand. Discussion of definition of commercial and definition of residential; scale of building; what is the right metric to define where the TOD streets go. Plus element of buildings opening toward light rail. High rise residential buffering.
https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/docs_pdfs/Walkable_Places_Summary_Report.pdf
https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/docs_pdfs/TOD_Ordinance_Summary_Report.pdf

New Business: Turkey Leg Hut issues. See above.

Stakeholder Updates: None

Public Comments: None

Announcements: Hermann Park - Park to Port Ride, Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 am

Meeting adjourned: 7:15PM