



## **August 14, 2019 Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Minutes**

**Council Member Attendees:** Kathleen O'Reilly, Paul Wilson, Ruth Ann Skaff, Pam Campbell, Barbara McGuffey, Jose Ferrero, Kyle Wolfe, Julie Farr.

**Other Attendees:** Muxian Fang; CoH Planning; Carl Davis, MCAO; Brad Levy, HMNS; Cindy Woods, MPNA; Emily Chambers, Hermann Park Conservancy; Mary Filley, MPNA; Officer Marlon Stevens, HPD; Stephen Dominguez, HPD; Capt Zia; HPD; Mike Webb, Commissioner Rodney Ellis' office; Jim Honey, at-large Candidate District 2; Larry Estes, Calumet Jackson HOA; Rashad Cave, Candidate District D

**Location:** Farish Media Center, Museum of Fine Arts Houston      **Time:** 5:30PM

**Guest Presentations:**      **Muxian Fang, Walkable Places and Market Based Parking, CoH Planning**  
[https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/docs\\_pdfs/Walkable\\_Places\\_Summary\\_Report.pdf](https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/docs_pdfs/Walkable_Places_Summary_Report.pdf)  
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Project has been in process for 2 and ½ years, since January 2017. Re: implementation timeline, on June 11, the Walkable Places Committee approved concept of Walkable Places framework and proposed Transit Corridor amendments. Next step is approval from Planning Commission and then City Council (early 2020). Key concepts have been approved; working with legal department to develop language and funding proposals. Planning Commission will have public meetings. Expected to be presented to City Council in early 2020.

A Walkable Places policy guide will be written.

In 2015, City Council adopted Plan Houston as a general plan to create a common platform with coordinated implementation strategies to guide responsible growth.

Walkable Places and Transit Corridors ordinances are natural outgrowth of Plan Houston.

Muxian described mandatory transit corridors and optional opt-in transit corridors (the latter ordinances adopted in 2009) and their boundaries; and relevance for walkable places concept. Objectives of Walkable Places is to help improve quality of urban place density.

The three pilot areas selected to test this concept are Midtown, Hogan Street in the Near North Side, and Emancipation Avenue in Third Ward.

Extensive discussion and Q & A on these complex issues. Design District designation for Museum Park should be explored.

Muxian and her team were offered to give a tour Museum Park.

### **HPD Report:**

- Crime rate decreased
- Continuing their monthly crime initiatives
- Continuing 12-15 minute diversion program to prevent homeless population from moving back
- Thanks to all who contributed to Back to School activity on Saturday on August 10
- Some progress on Alameda re: parking and commercial and residents' needs
- Officers' shifts have been adjusted

**President's Report:** XHouston - no new updates since variance was denied on July 25  
Caroline Promenade – public meetings are expected to start in early fall

**VP Report:**

**Secretary's Report:** Quorum present, approval of July minutes.

**Committee Reports:**  
Infrastructure/Quality of Life: No report  
MP Business Alliance: No report  
Safety & Security: HPD report

**Old Business:** Community Parking Plan Draft Ordinance - Maria Irshad scheduled community meeting August 22 at 5:30PM at Judson Robinson Community Center. Concern expressed about .6 (60%) permits for street parking allowed for high rises is too generous. HCAD classifies apartments as commercial (business) rather than residential.  
Bylaw Revision to add HOA seat to MPSN Council will be considered at September meeting

**New Business:**

**Stakeholder Updates:**

**Comments:**

**Announcements:** Surrogate for Sallie Alcorn recognized. Rashad Cave, candidate for District 4 introduced himself.  
UH College of Medicine signing ceremony will be held on August 24.  
Friends of MacGregor Park are holding a Luncheon/Gala on September 20 to announce Master Plan Update.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07PM