



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, Julie Farr
- **Other Attendees:** Shavonda Johnson, Juan Antonio Sorto, Cindy Woods, Carl Davis
- **Date:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018
- **Location:** Farish Media Center, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Guest Presentations:

Doreen Stoller, Hermann Park Conservancy:

- Master plan announcements: Family Commons Project will include 24-acre site along Fannin. Public meeting will be held in early February for public input. Also a public meeting is slated for the Lauren Griffin-designed dog park.
- Metro has hired Ramesh Gunda Corp to look at Main/Sunset intersection where two bike/pedestrian fatalities have occurred. Several proposals under consideration: Prohibit right turn onto Fannin. Stripe the crossing green and white. All-walk crossings. No right on red signs. Discussion followed: No right onto Fannin, what will be the effect of additional right turns onto Main when that traffic gets to Cambridge? Kathleen suggested that MPSN invite Jeff Weatherford (City of Houston) to talk about this. Another suggestion is to invite Jeff and/or Tim Kelly of Metro to South Main Alliance transportation subcommittee meeting Dec. 13.

Peyton Elliot, CEO, Park Plaza Hospital

- Park Plaza Hospital built in 70's by a group of doctors and eventually became part of Tennant Hospitals. Recently purchased by HCA. Peyton worked for Methodist prior to coming to HCA as CEO of Park Plaza. HCA has slated a \$150 mil. investment in Park Plaza as part of their plan to make it a niche facility.
- By end of year, HCA will have invested almost \$20 mil. Between Sept. 2018-July 2019 a total of \$66 mil. will be spent in upgrading the facility
- HCA Houston Healthcare will be the unifying brand. Park Plaza name will change. Flagship hospitals will include Texas Woman's, Texas Orthopedics, and Park Plaza. Showed slides of current spaces and renderings of projected changes.
- Closure of Ewing. Peyton indicated that future plans include unifying the two Park Plaza buildings through the purchase of 1300 Ewing. Discussion followed: Sandy Stevens indicated Neighborhood Association will oppose. Susan Young indicated that there would be real opposition from Museums (Children's and Science). Brad Levi indicated museums don't want to restrict east west access. Kathleen said MPSN will support Hospital except for this. As an aside, Kathleen added that the contract for pre-design of Caroline Promenade was signed today.

Captain Salam Zia, HPD

- Property under US 59 is in the process of being fenced off because it is a public health and public hazard site. TxDOT will install fencing to Alameda. Uniform presence is currently there at all times until fencing is completed.

President's Report:

- Parking Department is awaiting updates from legal on the Community Parking Plan ordinance and will let us know as soon as it is ready for final review

- Katy Prairie Conservancy (KPC) is considering partnering with MPSN for installation of a native garden for education purposes. KPC reps met with Kathleen to consider Calumet and Clayton Library locations. Houston Garden Club will provide funding for one year of maintenance.
- Kathleen attended Rice Quarterly Community Meeting where various announcements were made. Sign up to get updates at <https://cohesion.rice.edu/publicaffairs/neighbors/>.

VP Report: Covenant has moved into their new building.

Adjourned: Mike Gillespie moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.