



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Members: Kathleen O'Reilly, Greg Quintero, Ruth Ann Skaff, Susan Young, Julie Farr, Gabrielle Durham, Mike Gillespie
- CoH Liaisons - Office of Council Members Dwight Boykins and Amanda Edwards
- Guests: BGE, Inc. Gerald Grissom, Tracy Youngblood.
- Others attending: Please refer to sign-in sheet
- Date: October 11, 2017

Location: Farish Media Center, MFH, 5:30 p.m.

Presentation and Discussion: BGE, re: 1213 Hermann Drive variance request

A variance has been submitted for a canopy extension beyond the building setback line.

- All required variance request procedures and documents are reportedly in order
- Documents distributed indicating proposed variance in plan and in section as well as improvements
- In general, no exceptions were taken to the canopy projection or to the proposed improvements
- Suggestions were to consider providing a true accessible drop-off and to coordinate with Metro for any guidelines for a Metro drop-off.
- The team is encouraged to review the Museum Park Livable Centers Study for beneficial habitat landscaping guidelines.
- The project should consider providing historic "blue mosaic" tile street names in the sidewalk.

No formal vote was put before the Board, but consensus for agreement with variance request, and request to developer to comply with Livable Center Study standards.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary not present, no meeting in Sept. due to Harvey so no minutes to provide/approve.

President's Report:

Grant opportunity - Walkable Places. A \$1,500 grant is available. A request was made for suggestions on how this could be applied.

VP Report:

(Not present)

Committee Reports:

Quality of Life:

- SWA is putting together (pro-bono) concepts for the Cap Park. City officials are considering SWA concepts and options for this area in general in light of recent announcement of Sears departure from Rice property in the immediate vicinity.
MPSN will request more information on presentation plans to stakeholders. MPSN will want to be included.
*Post meeting note – Meeting scheduled with City and other stakeholders for Th., Oct. 19.
- A recommendation was made to pursue a review of how TIRZ money is being applied toward affordable housing in MPSN.

Safety & Security:

- The MPNA security Ad Hoc Committee is working on a resolution related to the 59 encampment. The purpose is to keep the issue before local, state and federal officials. The resolution is still being edited, but the goal is to launch it as soon as possible. A follow-up campaign to attend local council sessions as well as email and telephone local, state and federal officials is planned for first quarter. Data has been collected demonstrating negative impact to local businesses.

New Business:

- The Museum District has an early report that planning is underway to acquire a portion of the area under 59 for school bus parking for the Zoo and MFA. More information to follow.

Adjourn: 6:41 p.m.