



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Member Attendees: Sandy Stevens, Kathleen O'Reilly, Greg Quintero, Kamina Jamison, Ernesto Maldonado, Susan Young, Alex Triantaphyllis
- Other Attendees: Barbara McGuffy, Chelbi Mims (HouSE), Natalia Beard, Ethan Beeson

Date: March 16, 2016

Location: Farish Media Center

Time: 5:35 p.m.

Ethan Beeson, Hermann Park Conservancy, presented the 20-year Master Plan draft currently being developed for Hermann Park. MP Super Neighborhood had representation at one of the stakeholder meetings, which will continue during the discovery process. Previous 20-year HPC plan was recently completed, which led to this new plan.

The new plan will focus on fringe parcels of the park. Priority areas include the Grand Gateway, the Medical Center and Rice connections, Fannin Drive, Park Center, the two bayou connections, bayou parklands, and eastern connections.

Harris County will be reconfiguring the entire flow way of Brays Bayou. Plan will include sustainable storm water strategies.

A major goal is access improvement including mobility and parking. Plan re-evaluates the large parking area at Zoo/McGovern Lake/ train station. Looking at parking within Museum Park (4800+), Rice University (8000), and the Medical Center (37,000+). At this point the traffic team is analyzing parking. No plans have been developed.

Natalia Beard from SWA reported their team had recently met with COH Planning Department to introduce the mobility plan they are developing for MP's Livable Center Study. Planning Department was supportive of the concepts, but said there would be no funds to execute the plans in the foreseeable future. Susan offered that there are three elements that might change that possibility: the Midtown TIRZ expansion, the new 59 design, the current Rebuild Houston plan which will likely undergo changes after the mayor's transition team finishes its recommendations.

SWA will have specific recommendations regarding crossing 59 and maintaining connectivity. Discussion regarding Museum Park's input to TxDOT. Maintain regular communication (not just email and letters) with Pat Henry at TxDOT including regular meetings, not just public meetings. Consider a coalition consensus that includes surrounding neighbors. Midtown would be our partner to concur with not closing Caroline as a north/south corridor to our north. Hermann Park to the south is already on board concerning connectivity issues.

SWA Next Steps:

- Contact McGregor Elementary
- Another 59 meeting with TxDOT
- Meet with city on landscape of esplanades,
- Meet with Museum Directors (Health & Children's to consider the Crawford esplanades corridor between Children's and McGregor Elementary as teaching labs.

Next public meeting is scheduled for March 31 at St. Paul's.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 p.m.