



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- **Council Member Attendees:** Kathleen O'Reilly, Sandy Stevens, Ruth Ann Skaff, Julie Farr, Christopher Eriksen, Susan Young, Michael Gillespie, Paul Wilson.
- **Other Attendees:** Juan Sorto, Barbara McGuffey, Carl Davis.
- **Date:** May 9, 2018

Location: Farish Media Center, Museum Of Fine Arts, Houston.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February and April approved as distributed.

President's Report:

- Current plans for the North Houston Improvement Project include closure of Cleburne, an important east-west connector for the area. KOR distributed a copy of letter from MPSN to TXDoT formally requesting that Cleburne remain open to connect the recently announced Midtown Innovation District with TSU, UofH, etc.
- The City of Houston's Planning Department sponsored a Cap Park Workshop in April, which included representatives from Rice, Midtown Management District, Houston Southeast, Museum District, MPSN, SWA and others. SWA, developers of Museum Park's Livable Centers Study, took back ideas generated at this first visioning meeting to include at the next workshop. Next meeting, scheduled for sometime in June, will be a public meeting.
- Livable Centers Study Update: HGAC has issued a call for projects to apply for federal transportation dollars through TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). The Goodman Corp on behalf of Houston Southeast and Museum Park will submit application for \$4mil grant to complete Caroline Promenade. Grant applications are due June 1. The Caroline Promenade will serve as the spine for the Culture Trail.
- Inter-local agreement has been initiated to transfer \$100,000 from CM Boykins' budget to Houston Southeast to be used for mobility improvements in Museum Park. Money from CM Boykins cannot be comingled with tax dollars. HouSE has committed to match the \$100,000.
- Parking Benefit District: CM Boykins supports a Parking Benefit District as a component of the proposed Community Parking Program for Museum Park. Monies from the Benefit District would be managed by Houston Southeast and used for infrastructure projects within MP boundaries.
- Julie mentioned Park Plaza has plans to make changes to their facility. Suggested that St. Paul's and and Park Plaza need to be part of conversation.
- Group Residences including halfway houses, homeless shelters, etc. Recent ordinance provides a way for the mayor to set up parameters for these types of facilities. Allows community notification when an organization applies for one of these homes; however individuals must check the website weekly to know if one of those boarding homes will be coming to a community.
- Blue Print Houston, working with Rice U, SNA, city council members, developers, etc., is in the process of finalizing their 25-year plan for the city. Blue Print Houston's goal is to promote implementation of Plan Houston, the city's General Plan adopted in 2015. Kathleen will check to see if they are available for presentation to MPSN Council in July.
- No June Meeting.



Committee Reports:

Asia Society: Mike Gillespie indicated that Asia Society has applied for bus loading/unloading/parking zone in front of AST, 1370 Southmore. KOR suggested that bus zone hours be congruent with AST hours. Additional discussion: Holocaust loading/unloading zone will be on Caroline. Parking zone will be on Austin. MPSN has requested small 'no idling' notation on Bus Zones Signage.

Safety and Security: Chris reported that the Wheeler encampment has been fairly quiet. Chris is working to put together the MPSN Security Committee. Discussion: Figuring out sustained security effort is difficult. University Place hosts a quarterly breakfast for police and local security. Discussion regarding COPS and NNO Dog Walker program followed. Chris will follow up on NNO Dog Walker program.

Additional Discussion:

- Walkable Places (currently being developed by the city as a pilot program) may be the means to develop character standards.
- Community Parking Program.
 - Julie commented that Museums feel that the employee parking permits are too expensive. Maria is working on that.
 - Another issue is individuals parking in the neighborhood and meeting car pool vans.
 - Signage is overwhelming in the neighborhood. Look for possible ways to reduce the number of signs.

Announcements:

- Asia Fest will be held May 19. Thirteen Hundred block of Southmore will be closed.
- MPSN Treasurer Ruth Ann Skaff indicated that a resident of 1400 Hermann may begin attending MPSN meetings to keep residents up to date.

Susan moved to adjourn. Paul second

Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.