



## **Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes**

**Council Member Attendees:** Kathleen O'Reilly, Paul Wilson, Ruth Ann Skaff, Julie Farr

- **Other Attendees:** Barbara McGuffey, Carl Davis, Tim Kollatschny, Stephanie Mitchell, Ian Hlavacek, Peter Eccles, Pam Campbell, Marilyn Brown, Council Member Amanda Edwards, Jordan Thomas
- **Date:** August 8 2018

**Location:** Farish Media Center, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

President O'Reilly opened the meeting, noting that a quorum was not yet present.

### **President's Report:**

Livable Center Study and implementation –

1. Request for Qualifications, Caroline Promenade – Publication Houston Chronicle, Th, Aug.9, 2018;Th., Aug. 16, 2018, Available on the HouSE District website Th., August 9, 2018
2. \$4M Fed TIP grant app through HouSE for Caroline Promenade submitted to CoH for letter of support.
3. \$100K - Livable Center Study implementation has been generously transferred from CM Boykins, Dist. D Office. HouSE Management District will match funding from District D 1 : 1.
4. Community Parking Program – meetings week of Aug. 27, Parking Benefit District included in overall program. Ordinance language will soon be distributed for review by MPSN Council.
5. Park Plaza – HCA (Hospital Corporation of America)- a request to purchase the 1300 block of Ewing has not been received by the City at this time.
  - She invited Lawndale Art Center Board Chair Tim Kollatschny and Executive Director Stephanie Mitchell to provide an update about Lawndale, which moved to its current location in 1992 and owns most of its property. In September 2019, it will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is currently undertaking a 3 -year facility plan.

Discussion included issue of the streetscape and how to integrate and extend the work on Main Street south of the prospective CAP park. Marilyn Brown, President of The Way Home, updated MPSN about the placement of homeless at the Wheeler Encampment. Progress continues. See attached report. Of the 71 people identified by TWH on April 25, 2018, at the encampment, 61 are chronic homeless and 10 are non-chronic homeless. 37 of the 61 persons have been housed. 5 of the 10 non-chronic homeless have left the encampment. Ideally, on Friday August 10, the last of the homeless will be housed, and fencing will go up.
  - Ian Hlavacek, CoH Public Works and Peter Eccles, CoH, Planning Dept. Addressed Museum District Safety Concerns, notably pedestrian crosswalks on Hermann Drive at Crawford. Bulb-outs may be a viable solution

which does not impact parking nor mobility. CoH PW needs a specific proposal in order to go forward. Peter discussed public engagement and bike facilities. They are working with Pct. One Commissioner Rodney Ellis.

- Pedestrian safety is a priority of Public Works.
- CM Amanda Edwards encouraged ownership for vision for our neighborhood, such as CAP parks, parking, and pedestrian safety. She announced dedicated drainage fees (rebuild) and firefighters parity pay issues on ballot on November 6. She explained the technicalities of the 2010 language to restrict drainage fee for its original purpose.

There being no quorum, no votes were taken. Next meeting will be on September 12.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm