



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- MPSN Council: Ruth Ann Skaff, Chris Eriksen, Paul Wilson, Julie Farr, Mike Gillespie, Gracie Cavnar, Kathleen O'Reilly, Sandy Stevens
- Other Attendees: Barbara McGuffey, Cindy Woods, Lt. Grant, Precinct 7 Sgt. Roger Nguyen, HPD; Sgt. Frank Gans, HPD.
- **Date:** December 13, 2017

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

Security Report:

Sgt. Frank Ganz, HPD: As Public Safety Coordinator for HouSE, Sgt. Gans directs 12 off-duty officers who ride bikes, 4 officers/day-two in the morning/two in the afternoon. Their patrols include Yates High School and TSU campuses. This year Sgt. Gans incorporated motorcycles into the patrols which are much faster, but still very maneuverable. Since October 23, HPD has provided patrols around the clock in the area of the US 59 encampment. Additionally through HouSE Sgt. Gans had Increased motorcycle patrols in this area. In July meeting with representatives from HouSE, Midtown Management District, Alameda TIRZ, CM Boykins' office, MPSN, HPD, and others, MPSN offered to provide 200 Report Cards to be distributed on parked cars in MP. He has distributed 80% of them and ordered 1500 of the report cards, some to be given to South Central officers for distribution. The report cards are designed to warn owners about potential burglary risks, including bags or packages left on the car seat, change in the ash tray, etc.

Lt. Grant, Precinct 7 Constables: gave a crime statistics report comparing November statistics for the area to November, 2016 statistics. Most notable was the drop in BMV's which went down 60% from 26 in 2016 to 10 in November, 2017.

Sgt. Nguyen, HPD: reports that

- HPD is ticketing transients who are violating city ordinances. Midtown Management District is providing dumpsters under the Freeway. Twice a week the city provides trash pick-up accompanied by Sgt. Nguyen's DRT. HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) is regularly in the area. HPD is providing 24/7 patrols.
- Sears will be closing at the end of the year. Transwestern who manages the property on behalf of Rice will fence the property after the store closes. Rice will not be renewing Fiesta's lease when it expires in 1.5 years.
- Each deep cleaning under US 59 Alameda to Caroline costs \$200,000 (\$150 from city/\$50 from Midtown). Two have been done in 2017, the most recent in November.
- The city has approved a METRO property north of downtown to pilot a low-barrier shelter.

Discussion followed regarding 'Meaningful Change' signage in Richmond/527 Spur to help combat aggressive panhandling.

Discussion regarding Midtown Bus Station as one of the major destinations from TDC. Are there ways to help recently released prisoners successfully reintegrate?

Patrick Keys, Health Department:

- Dr. Perrse recently declared living conditions dangerous under US 59 because of the large amount of urine and feces. He is particularly concerned about outbreak of Hepatitis A. Two deep cleanings have been done this year. This week the department held training for Health Care Workers regarding outbreak of Hepatitis A. Best solution is vaccination, but a transient population is particularly difficult population to vaccinate since three injections are required.
- Discussion followed regarding campaign to educate charitable organizations with billboard space offered pro-bono through an association of billboard owners. Clear Channel can do public service announcements. Mr. Keys will get the language for signage.
- Discussion followed regarding fires under US 59. They are legal if they are contained. Concerns were expressed that plastic is being burned, emitting harmful fumes. EPA would need to investigate.
- What about storm water run-off? Routine collections of storm water run-off are conducted. Mr. Keys will check recent reports to determine if indication of increase in sewage (e-coli) run-off.



Susan: South Main Alliance & Main Street Coalition are planning a joint workshop for the boards and transportation committees. January 11. One concern for the workshop will be the long-term grade separation issue at Richmond/Main and the Metro-Rail interaction with this program. Kathleen indicated that MPSN's biggest concern is extending the cap park from Main to as far as Alameda as possible.

President's Report:

- Kathleen welcomed Gracie Cavner who has agreed to join MPSN Council as the education rep. Gracie began the Recipe for Success program at MacGregor Elementary, the first of a number of such educational outreaches in HISD.
- Please think about 2018 goals for the year with input from your stakeholders.
- January meeting will be held jointly with MPNA January 3 at Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline. Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis is sponsoring a Park Smart Planning Workshop that evening.
- Please reaffirm your stakeholder representation for 2018.
- Kathleen is reaching out to Raynese Edwards with TXDOT regarding the possibility of re..... for the removal of trees along the 288 as a result of the current expansion.
- Developing designated Bus Parking in MP is on hold. Tom Davis is still working on it.
- Dockless Bike Share is currently being considered for the city. Rather than stations, this model uses a European style dockless Bike Share. Any company can come to Houston as pilot program and put as many as 2000 bikes on the streets. Requirements include parking on a hard surface and leaving a certain amount of sidewalk available to pedestrians, but such a model is a challenge in Houston. SNA is commenting heavily on this. We need to see Bike Houston's position on this.