



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly, Greg Quintero, Kim Mickelson, Kimina Jamison, Paul Wilson

Other Attendees: Carl Davis (MCAO), Chris Gustafssen (CoH), Barbara McGuffey, Cindy Woods, Ed Ryland, George Wyche (ARVO – Houston Southeast).

Date: June 8, 2016

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

Time: 5:30 p.m.

ARVO presentation

- ARVO is a commercial real estate company hired by Houston Southeast to provide real estate advisory services regarding acquisition, disposition, and leasing of commercial property.
- Initial concern over lack of quality retail development in Greater Southeast and lack of investors who live and have a business in the district.
- They have initiated the Invest in My Own Community (IMOC) program to encourage community commercial reinvestment and development by those who live or have a business in the community.
- Two phases:
 - o 1. Aspiring - little or no knowledge, curriculum - Helps foster ownership in community
 - o 2. Masters - live / work who understand real estate. Looking for opportunity to invest but may not have the time.
- 90 individuals have been engaged in the program.
- KOR noted that one idea is a TOD at Wheeler and Main. Possibly adding affordable housing. Area includes Sears, Fiesta and potential Metro parcels.
- End of this year or beginning of next year for start of next sessions.

Palm Street

- Nothing new to report since Developer presentation at the MPNA meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Parking Benefit District

- Need to discuss with Mayra Hipolite about pros and cons. Does Washington Ave Corridor receive revenue collected from the parking benefit district? Similar question to ask of the Montrose area.
- No input yet from Hermann Park (Conservancy) regarding their disposition on this matter.
- Action item to post a link on the MPSN website to the Hermann Park Conservancy website for meetings

LCS

- Report scheduled to be completed by end of June 2016.
- Character standards are to be included that, in general, suggest limiting mixed-use high-rise development along Hermann Drive to the south. Mid to low-rise mixed-use suggested to be limited along Main St. to the west and Alameda to the east. The center of MPNA is suggested to be limited to low-rise mixed-use.

- KM suggest that MPSN publish a resolution officially adopting / approving the LCS. This will be beneficial for grant applications.

Metro / TxDOT

- Action item to set up meetings to begin discussions of a cap over 59 generally between Main St. and Caroline St. This is one of the “projects” identified in the LCS.
- Perhaps ARVO could assist in finding interested developers.

Homeless

- GQ noted that the City has apparently designated “feeding areas” for the homeless (this info from Sgt. R. Sambrano with South Central Patrol). One area is at Peggy Point Park, previously thought closed for such purposes. Carl Davis to forward contact information to GQ for Marc Eichenbaum who is apparently knowledgeable about Houston’s current homeless outreach initiatives. The goal will be to coordinate with neighboring groups and report back on current status and potential avenues to assist.

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Green Corridor Initiative

- KOR will begin investigating avenues and requirements for designating streets as green corridors. Green corridors protect trees in the public right of way.

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- GQ has noted that he has made little headway in moving this forward.
- KM, with assistance from KOR, will volunteer to complete the application based on the MPNA application (documents are located on the MPNA Dropbox account).
- The MPNA Board previously approved funding the application.
- KM will eventually draft a resolution to establish a bank account.
- A Board member address (KOR?) will be used as the mailing address and can be changed at a later date (PO Box?).

Covenant Baptist Church

- Expansion / renovation construction expected to begin at the start of next year. Funding goals have been met.

Minutes by Greg Quintero

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