



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Member Attendees: Sandy Stevens, Ira Perry, Greg Quintero, Ernesto Maldonado, Kathleen O'Reilly, Sean Murphy, Doreen Stoller, Rusell Hruska, Susan Young
- Other Attendees: Meredith Dang, H-GAC, Will Hermann, GSM Architects, Fernando Mladineo, MP resident, Louis Camper III, Museum Medical Tower.

Date: February 11, 2015

Location: Farish Media Center, MFAH

Time: 5:40 p.m.

Minutes: Susan Young moved to approve January minutes, motion carried.

Rusty invited those in attendance to Introduce themselves.

Houston-Galveston Area Council's Meredith Dang presented information about the upcoming Museum Park Livable Centers Study.

General Information: H-GAC regional county 13 county. 8-county area.

Livable Centers are programs designed to improve transportation in a particular area. The scope for the MP study was developed by Kathleen O'Reilly, MPSN, and Chris Bilton, Director of Greater Southeast Management District. H-GAC released the Request for Proposals (RFP) a few weeks ago. The RFP's, due back to H-GAC March 3, outline the qualifications needed in the consultant team for this project. A team for this type of project will include a consultant with sub-consultants. Meredith expressed hope for a wide variety of proposals. The proposals will be posted on the H-GAC website.

- Proposals will be evaluated by a team including reps from HGAC, TXDOT, GSMD, and MPSN. After scoring, evaluation team will conduct interviews with a short list of consultants.
- Recommendation will go to H-GAC Board Of Directors meeting April 21 for their approval to enter into agreement.
- The nine-month study will begin in June with completion targeted for March 2016.
- H-GAC will seek public engagement during the process. A stakeholder advisory group, drawn from SN organizations, will convene to advise consultants as each task is addressed.
- H-GAC has implemented 18 LCS in their 8-county district. All have moved forward in some capacity. H-GAC cannot implement the LCS. LC Studies that have moved forward have had push from the stakeholders.
- Where does Museum Park fit in comparison to other LCS?
 - We are in the middle in comparison to population density of other LCS areas. Boundaries of this project encompass a fairly large area.
 - Numerous regional attractors—museums and cultural centers that bring visitors making it a unique study area
- What role will TXDot play? The study will look at connections to adjacent areas. TXDot provides a LCS person, because federal funds come through TXDot.
- Funding to implement LCS may come from City of Houston or Metro. Having City of Houston involved, including planning and public works, is crucial.
- Expansion of Midtown TIRZ into MP will impact funding possibilities.

S&S: Susan has no updates since January meeting. Midtown Management District has moved to improve conditions at Peggy's Point.

Presidents Report: Mayoral Forum co-sponsored by MP and University Place Association will take place at MFAH on August 25.

V-P Report & Quality of Life: Sunday Streets is still a possibility on Caroline in November/December. No clarification on funding for this. This event is sponsored by the City of Houston Health Department to encourage everyone to get out to walk.

Announcements: Southmore will be closed in front of Asia Society—March 10-13.

TIRZ Expansion. Laurette sent report that Museum District has endorsed Midtown TIRZ expansion. Executive committee is gathering information regarding the TIRZ expansion. Kathleen and Sandy met with Director of Holocaust Museum to get update on their expansion plans. A meeting with Council Member Cohen and members of Andy Icken's office are also scheduled for that purpose. TIRZ invests money in infrastructure/furnishings to encourage economic development in the area. Great opportunity for money to come into MP—question is control and coordination. Important to align TIRZ improvements with the LCS plans.

Old Business:

Election of 2015 Officers

Susan Young nominated Kathleen O'Reilly for president. Motion carried.

Susan Young Nominated Greg Quintero for vice-president. Motion carried.

New Business:

By-laws:

Rusty moved to end term limits. Motion carried.

Susan moved to add Immediate Past President position to the By-Laws. Motion carried.

Susan moved to remove east/west designation for MP Business Representatives. Motion carried.

Sandy moved to add standing committees: infrastructure and quality of life/safety and security/technology. Motion received no second.

Fernando made short presentation of new Website.

Meeting Adjourned, 7:00 p.m.