



Agenda: Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council, Sept. 11, 2019

President's Report: Caroline Promenade - updates

VP Report:

Secretary's Report: **Approval of August minutes.**

Committee Reports:

Infrastructure/Quality of Life:

MP Business Alliance:

Safety & Security: HPD

Ongoing Business: Community Parking Plan Draft Ordinance – Comments; See below

District D Candidate Forum – Questions for candidates; See below

Walkable Places/Transit Corridor Comments – Oct./Nov. Public Meeting

https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/docs_pdfs/Walkable_Places_Summary_Report.pdf

https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/docs_pdfs/TOD_Ordinance_Summary_Report.pdf

New Business:

Stakeholder Updates:

Public Comments:

Announcements:

- Dist. D Candidate Forum, Sept. 25, 6-8 pm, Asia Society Texas Center, 1370 Southmore Blvd., Houston TX 77004
- Caroline Promenade Public Meeting No. 1 - October 10
- Caroline Promenade Public Meeting No. 2 – November 7

Museum Park Community Parking Plan (CPP) – Comments

We commend Parking Management, and particularly Maria, for the extensive community outreach in this complicated destination-rich area, so different than the west side of Main Street. The change from no on-street parking permits for high density development to a .6 ratio for high density multi-family properties met with significant resistance. Resistance is simply because there is a limited supply of on-street parking spaces and Museum Park contains a high number of institutions, museums, and destination venues, serving visitors and employees; as well as serving Hermann Park visitors. There are several preschools with no off-street parking that need drop-off space and employee parking. These cumulatively place a significant strain on the on-street parking space availability.

In this destination-rich, geographically small neighborhood, Museum Park would appreciate the following incorporated into the Museum Park CPP. We understand that MAMA is a different type of neighborhood; while proximal to destinations, there are few regional destinations actually within the MAMA area. We appreciate this acknowledgement by City of Houston for different parking strategies in these two distinctly different neighborhoods.

- Excluding high density developments that benefit from transit corridor reduced parking requirements.
 - Excluding high density developments that benefit from reduced parking requirements as currently allowed by City ordinance, i.e. building bike parking spaces to reduce the number of vehicular parking spaces.
 - Excluding high density developments going forward in this destination-rich, geographically small neighborhood.
 - Allowing on-street parking permits for existing high density developments, excluding those described above, of less than or = to 125 units at a ratio of .5
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- Please consider adding meters or time limited parking on Southmore between Main and San Jacinto
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- Commercial meters will remain as currently located with fees associated with commercial meters, correct?
 - Museum Park is experiencing a significant increase in night time activity and would greatly appreciate meter operation hours until midnight.

Extending the public comment period and/or holding another public meeting isn't necessary in the opinion of MPSN. With the above changes, MPSN is pleased to send a letter of support as well as appear at QOL Committee/City Council to support this effort. We prefer that the MAMA ordinance/MPSN ordinance move forward at the same time, rather than separating into two different initiatives.

District D Candidate Forum Draft Questions – Museum Park Super Neighborhood/Midtown Super Neighborhood, Sept. 25, 6-8 pm, Asia Society Texas Center.

Tentative format:

2 minutes each for candidate intros (30 mins);
 45 min moderated Q/A; 1 minute responses, 3 questions.
 15 mins audience Q/A via written questions on collected notecards;
 2 minutes each for candidate concluding remarks (30 mins).

- How do you intend to move the agendas of Museum Park Super Neighborhood and Midtown Super Neighborhood forward, including form based code, mobility, and green infrastructure defined in the Museum Park Livable Center Study and Midtown goals?
- How do you intend to move forward distinguishing the very different characters of Museum Park and Midtown in the Walkable Places and Transit Corridor initiatives, respecting the destination rich parking requirements of Museum Park and residential needs of Midtown? Museum Park defined a parks/cultural district character with abundant green space, respect for historical properties, and walkable/bikeable connections from HCC to Hermann Park, will you actively support these goals?
- What will you do to increase walkability without compromising green space to accommodate 5 ft sidewalks? What will you do to increase support of Parks to maintain esplanades and public right of way?
- What is your strategy to improve quality of life in District D?
- If time allows – what is your position on the IH45 project and its impact on District D