



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly, Jose Ferrero, Sandy Stevens, Paul Wilson, Michael Gillespie, Ruth Ann Skaff, Susan Young, Greg Quintero, Willard Holmes, Julie Farr, Orgena Keener
- Others Attending: Maria Irshad, Melonie Curry
- **Date:** August 9, 2017

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

Guests: Maria Irshad presented a land use map (provided by Planning Department) of Museum Park. Map reflects mixed use including single-family dwellings (38%), commercial buildings, multi-family units, offices, parks & open space, and public and institutional use. Parking Management looked at other cities with similar neighborhoods including DC and New Orleans. A hybrid approach of permits and meters will likely be the best solution for Museum Park, but the program must be coordinated with all stakeholders. Stakeholder feedback is essential to effectively craft this approach, known as Community Parking.

Museum Park will be the pilot Community Plan Parking (CPP) project for the City of Houston.

Community Parking Plan approach - Pilot:

- To address and coordinate parking needs of businesses, residents, schools, churches, and special destinations within and adjacent to Museum Park (Hermann Park, museums and cultural institutions, etc).
- CPP uses a district-wide approach versus block-by-block approach currently in use through CoH Residential Permit Parking (RPP). RPP doesn't apply to many streets in Museum Park and where it does apply, it leads to pushing parking issues to adjacent streets.
- Multiple tools will be employed through CPP including meters, permits, and time limits. The aesthetics of the CPP approach are a problem including bulky meters and sign clutter. Parking Management will work with Museum Park to minimize these impacts. Museum Park would like to use more aesthetically pleasing meters, the fewest number of them which is highly possible with improved technology, and a minimum number of signs that are designed for pleasing visual impact.

Rationale: Current metered parking is inconsistently distributed throughout the neighborhood and isn't effective in managing public street use for parking. Prior to installation of new meters, street widths in the neighborhood will be evaluated so meters are installed on streets with adequate width. Street width guidelines are: street width of 26 FT, parking can be accommodated on both sides of the street; street width of 24 FT, parking can be accommodated on one side of the street; street width of 21FT or less, on-street parking can't be accommodated.

Proposed timeline: Draft Ordinance – November, 2017

Stakeholder engagement - December 2017/January 2018, including the Museum Park SN Council and other concerned stakeholders:

- Museum Park SN
- Business/Hospital Alliance
- Museum District Association
- South Main Alliance
- Houston Southeast Management District
- Hermann Park
- Schools
- Others?

City Council Committee - January 2018. Permitting aspects of Community Parking plan requires City Council approval. Parking fees, hours, location, other operational changes may be made by Parking Management, without Council approval.

City Council Agenda - January/February 2018

Deploy Pilot Program – Spring 2018



Bus Parking: Will be continued along Hermann Drive by Judson Robinson Center. Also considering using area beneath US59 overpass for bus parking until TXDOT construction begins, these options are under review.

Museum Park is requesting consideration of a Parking Benefit District to benefit from the revenue provided through parking meters. Parking Management states that this conversation would start with Council Member. Museum Park will initiate this conversation.

Power Point presentation will be sent to Kathleen.

President's Report:

SWA (Livable Center Study team) is providing pro-bono conceptual design for City of Houston for US59 cap/bridge segments to be located in Museum Park. CoH Planning Dept. will use the conceptual design as part of Fall 2017 Request for Proposals for detailed design of these segments.

Holocaust compensation to the City of Houston for the 2009 abandonment of Calumet between Austin and Caroline will be reconsidered to realign with Livable Center Study. Note that Holocaust is designated as a high risk facility by Homeland Security.

Adjourn 7:00 p.m.