



## **Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes**

- **Council Member Attendees:** : Kathleen O'Reilly, Greg Quintero, Paul Wilson, Laurette Canizares, Sean Murphy, Ira Perry, Orgina Keener, Russell Hruska, Sandra Stevens.
- Other Attendees: Ramona Crayton, Carl Davis, Fernando Mladeneo.

**Date:** January 14, 2014

**Location:** Farish Media Center

**Time:** 5:45 p.m.

Fernando Mladeneo, MPNA member, presented a mock-up of new MPSN website. His goal is to develop a website that a non-technical person can maintain. Discussion regarding each proposed page:

### **Page 1:**

- *Banner picture with rolling images and text under pictures. Images with slight description and credit (can be hover over or caption descriptions). Discussion of obtaining permission to use photos. Museum District has stock images we may be able to use.*
- *Add MPSN logo. Rusty has images.*
- *Add footer with contact info. If we develop Facebook, twitter, etc., those links can be noted in top right hand corner.*
- *Possibly add calendar on an additional tab with hyperlinks to listed events. Calendar will require regular maintenance.*

### **Page 2:**

- *Map*
  - *Can map include rail line? Laurette indicated that Museum District has custom map we can use.*
  - *Discussion of permeable boundaries including 59 to Alabama and all of Hermann Park. Can we dash over permeable boundaries? GIMS shows super-neighborhood boundaries.*
- *Text*
  - *Look over text and submit suggestions for changing.*
  - *A link to the mock-up will be sent to Council for their input.*
  - *Discussion regarding use of Wix (used for previous website) or Weebly (used for mock-up).*
- *Documents Link to include By-Laws*

### **Page 3:**

- *Contact Information*
- *Establish email contact to secretary.*
- *Mailing address?*

### **Page 4:**

- *(News) Content will need to be kept up-to-date*

## ***Business Alliance***

- *Discussion regarding adding page or link for Museum Park Business Alliance/Area Partners*
- *BA members could be charged to have presence on website.*

Mock-up will be circulated to MPSN Council for input.

Secretary Report: Kathleen motion to approve minutes. Approved. Letter of support for BCycle Grant Application was distributed. Letter attached below.

VP Report: Kathleen reported the Livable Centers Study is moving forward. Request for proposals is going out tomorrow. Proposals are due in late February. Study should begin in June. RFP language indicates that proposals include modules with grant paths. HGAC RFP will be circulated to council. Council requested that Chris Bilton of GSMD or Meredith Dang from HGAC attend next meeting to explain how we go forward--including the overall process, what role MPSN has, who will be on the committee, etc.

Business Alliance : Gina Keener of Kaffeine Coffee introduced herself. She worked with Lisa Qualls, 2014 BA representative, to implement a BA for the neighborhood. Send Carl's email to Gina. Earnesto nominated Gina to serve as interim BA rep until BA is formalized. Motion passed. Discussion regarding amending by-laws to remove east-west designation for BA. Rusty directed that the BA formalize within 90 days.

Safety and Security: Susan Young reported that AJ hosted Safety & Security meeting December 9. Decision was made at that meeting to put together small work groups to address specific issues. S&S Alliance will focus on homeless issue along Main Street Corridor, Richmond to Lawndale. The Work Group will meet with business owners in that area to encourage filling out trespass affidavits as well as other tools they can use to ensure their safety. The Work Group will engage Mid-Town Management District, Metro, HPD, etc. Currently assembling work group.

Goals for 2015:

- Engage with GSMD & HGAC for implementation of Livable Centers Study
- Form and embrace an active MPNA Business Alliance
- Update website
- Address homeless issue

Discussion followed regarding whether to seek new leadership because of term limits or to amend by-laws removing term limits. Decision to actively seek new president, vice-president. AJ expressed interest in taking one of those roles.

Announcements: AJ announced that the Neighborhood USA conference, which will be held in Houston April..., is hosting tours of Houston neighborhoods. Carl Davis approached AJ, who worked with Sean Murphy, to submit application on behalf of the Museum Park Neighborhood. Our application is the only one designed as a walking tour. The tour will show how MP engages with the city and local businesses, as well as how we address safety and security. Carl Davis indicated that MP has a good chance to be selected.

Adjourn 7:00 p.m.



David Wurdlow  
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Nov. 14, 2014

RE: Letter of Support for Houston Bike Share

Dear Mr. Wurdlow:

We are writing to support the Houston Bike Share application for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project funding that will allow the program to undertake the next phase of its expansion across Houston.

Museum Park Super Neighborhood has been monitoring the progress of Houston Bike Share and believes it is making a positive impact on traffic reduction, air quality, and the general health of those who ride the bikes. We are located immediately adjacent to Hermann Park in the midst of the museum district. We consistently see intense use of the Bike Share bicycles throughout the Park and the museum district. We make a point of asking riders about their experience with the program and it's always high praise, with the exclusion of the common concern voiced by riders that wider coverage is needed to make it a true transit system.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council received \$17.9 million in federal funds that they are responsible letting to worthy projects. Houston Bike Share is applying for a portion of these funds under the Bicycle/Pedestrian category.

The TIP funding from Houston-Galveston Area Council will allow Houston Bike Share to expand its network from 29 stations and 230 bikes to 100 stations and 800 bikes over a three year period beginning in 2015. The expansion will link bike share with METRO's new light rail lines and proposed network of frequent bus routes, creating new opportunities for multimodal mobility. Station locations along Houston's growing Bayou Greenway system will allow residents and visitors alike to get out and celebrate the city's natural beauty.

Museum Park has experienced the very high return of Houston Bike Share to date and believes that this expansion is necessary and will prove to be a high-return investment of bike/pedestrian dollars, benefitting increasing numbers of people, including visitors, businesses and intuitions as the Houston Bike Share program grows.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you fund this initiative to expand this very important component of active and healthy transportation in Houston. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Hruska".

Russell Hruska  
Museum Park Super Neighborhood President

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