

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

- Council Member Attendees: Sandy Stevens, Greg Quinter, Kimina Jamison, Ernesto Maldonado, Sean Murphy, Kathleen O'Reilly, Monica Rhodes.
- Other Attendees: Roberta Burroughs, Natalia Beard, Carl Davis, Zellisa Felder, Halima Felder

**Date:** October 13, 2015

Location: Farish Media Center, MFAH

Time: 5:41

President's Report: At the TxDOT meeting, held 9/29 at St. Paul's Methodist Church, TxDOT officials were receptive to neighborhood input, particularly in regard to keeping Caroline open. Kathleen suggested we ask for a follow-up meeting to look at possibilities for maintaining Caroline as a thoroughfare; two possibilities brought up at the meeting included a pedestrian thoroughfare or a vehicular thoroughfare.

Discussion: Finding a way to better engage businesses to support the Super Neighborhood.

Discussion: Filling Super Neighborhood council position for Safety & Security. Greg (VP) will take some responsibility for S&S until replacement is found. S&S issues include: Neighborhood Watch signs, homeless issues, synthetic drug use in the park, home break-ins. Can safety and security issues be addressed through the Livable Centers Study? Suggestions: signage, defining the neighborhood.

## LCS Report from Natalia Beard:

- Currently finalizing the needs-assessment portion of the study including such issues as landscape, transportation
  connectivity, economic development. Next step will be to assess input to determine focus. LCS will be impacted
  by several large projects going on in the area TxDOT 59 suppression, MFAH campus expansion, Hermann Park
  Master Plan, etc.
- Inventory of issues to address is complete. Currently engaged in interviews with area leaders.
- Stakeholder advisory committee meeting on November 10 will include a formal presentation by SWA of current status.
- Discussion: Before the variables came into play, including Midtown extension to Mecom Fountain, TxDOT, Hermann Park parking study, etc., SWA was developing a straightforward plan. A number of massive projects are coming together now, so it makes sense to pause while some of these projects finalize.
- Conclusion from discussion: SWA will propose a slow down (not affecting the overall cost of the study) to HGAC
  in order for major projects currently in development to be finalized, thus allowing those projects to be factored
  into the study.

At Sunday Streets event, November 1, SWA will display sculpture at Covenant Church and engage both Museum Park residents and visitors.

Adjourn 7:10 p.m.

Sandy Stevens, Secretary