



### Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly, Paul Wilson, Sandy Stevens, Greg Quintero, Ethan Beeson, Ruth Ann Skaff.
- Other Attendees: Barbara McGuffey; Johannah Thompkins, Pct. 1 Constable's Office; Naiyolis Palomo, Pct. 1 Constable's Office; Helen Maria Williams; Michael Gillespie,

**Date:** May 17, 2017 **Location:** Farish Media Center, MFAH **Time:** 5:30 p.m.

Johanna Thompkins, from County Commission Rodney Ellis' office, passed out survey from the County Commissioner designed to use in setting priorities for the Precinct 1 master plan. Kathleen will collect surveys and return.

Motion to approve minutes, Ruth Ann Skaff. Motion Passed

- Kathleen: 501c3 application approved, allowing MPSN to raise money. Kathleen suggested that MPSN set budget priorities and fund-raising goals for the next three years. MPSN will incur ca \$500/annually in operating expenses. Super Neighborhoods not allowed by CoH to collect dues.  
Fundraising avenues:
  - 1) Collaborate with businesses and institutions.
  - 2) Enact a parking benefit district.
- Discussion of parking ensued: Greg suggested a parking study. Parking Management study several years ago determined there is sufficient parking in MP, just no one is aware of locations. Develop a Parking App for Museum Park. Mike Gillespie said Asia Society has applied for 'no parking' in front of their building to have school bus drop-offs and senior accessibility. Has not been approved.
- **Action: Open discussions with parking management/traffic to get parking management plan (including an app) for MP in place.**

LCS Goals:

- *Culture Trail* could become one of the top things to do in Houston, like Boston's Freedom Trail.
- BCycle stations being installed at Health Museum and Lava Java (Southmore/San Jacinto) adding to mobility along Culture Trail.
- Discussion of road/sidewalk/street repairs and infrastructure issues including flooding.
- Discussion of how to raise money for Culture Trail: Involve stakeholders in a positive way, perhaps a charette sponsored by UofH, RDA, or Ginsler. Holocaust Museum volunteered to host charrette.
- Subcommittee needed to identify elements of trail: historical, cultural, spiritual.
- **Action: Kathleen and Helen will meet to synthesize ideas.**

Kathleen and Paul will be meeting with TXDoT on May 24. Current plan is for caps at Caroline & 59 to be separated into two segments so that it is not a 'tunnel.' Should we ask for them to be connected? One idea is to connect to caps with a pedestrian bridge. Activates space ensuring more positive activity by getting people to use the space in a positive way.

Kathleen announced the SWA had been awarded **American Society of Landscape Architects Honor Award** for the Museum Park LCS.

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 p.m.

Sandy Stevens, Secretary