



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Member Attendees: Greg Quintero, Kathleen O'Reilly, Susan Young, Alex Triantaphyllis, Ernesto Maldonado,
- Other Attendees: Cindy Woods, Barbara McGuffy, Natasha Beard, SWA.

Date: May 11, 2016

Location: Farish Media Center

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Minutes were circulated for approval. Minutes from the joint MPNA/MPSN (2016.04.27) meeting were distributed.

Palm Street Closure Update:

- The city has sent a letter to the developer declining the request to abandon Palm Street based on their plat application showing Palm abandoned.
- Pat Walsh, city planning department, indicated in phone conversation with Kathleen O'Reilly that any money received by the sale of 1100 Palm would go into general funds, not reinvested in the neighborhood.
*Subsequently confirmed via email from Mark Loethen, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Division, Public Works & Engineering Department (see below)
- At the joint MPNA/MPSN meeting (4/27) with Trammell Crow and Dr. Mann, the developer noted that the city would require that Southmore be widened to accommodate additional traffic. Ernesto commented that since the widening is already in the CIP that it may occur without the development. The issue was tabled for now, but will be revisited.

Parking Benefit District: Kathleen will begin conversations in Museum Park.

Livable Center Study (Natalia Beard)

- Natalia briefly presented the 14 segments of the report. The electronic version of the report will be available for comment by the committee.
- Specific areas of discussion regarding the report included:
 - Green corridors. Will push for Council backed designations of green corridors since some do not meet the current requirements.
 - Cultural Trail. Will propose connection from Menil through MPNA and on to 3rd Ward.
 - Cap over 59: Intended to stitch together divided area. Several suggestions including green space and building on top.
 - Gateways. Not in the obvious sense. Need to review so they don't appear so literal.
 - Parking. Possibility of a parking benefit district. Parking zones shown still need to be reviewed.
 - Design standards. Will make suggestions, but would not be binding. Embedded suggestions will help steer conversation.

From: Loethen, Mark - PWE [mailto:Mark.Loethen@houstontx.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 3:32 PM
To: oreillyofhouston@mindspring.com
Cc: Robles, Monica - PWE; Johnson, Shavonda - CNL
Subject: Palm Street - Revenue and City agreements

Ms. O'Reilly:

Your email was forwarded to my office for information. Regarding your questions below:

1. All revenues from the sale of street easements/Right of Way accrue to the City's General Fund.
2. It is not clear what you are asking regarding "warranties". However, Public Works (PWE) involvement in the abandonment of right of way is limited to determining the validity of the request and the appraised value for the property to be sold. Agreements related to any proceeds are under the jurisdiction of the Administration via the Chief Development Officer's office.
3. Again, Public Works involvement in the transactions are limited. Questions regarding proceeds and other agreements with developers are best addressed by the Chief Development Officer's office.

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From: Kathleen [mailto:oreillyofhouston@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 10:48 AM
To: Robles, Monica - PWE <Monica.Robles@houstontx.gov>
Subject: FW: Palm Street - Revenue and City agreements

Hi Monica,

Thank you for checking into this for Museum Park SN, we appreciate your effort. I've had conversations with various City personnel but want to confirm that we understand correctly. Palm was being considered for abandonment between Main and Fannin, the neighborhood adamantly opposed this, in line with Mayor Turner's wish to accommodate multi-modal transportation but want to confirm the following:

- If Palm were to be abandoned, revenue would go to General Fund as opposed to the impacted neighborhood. Is this correct?
- Currently, agreements bt developers, neighborhood associations, and the City to warranty off- site amenities aren't in place. Is this correct?

Is there potential for such an agreement to be created? If so, who initiates, who enforces? What is the timeline?

- Is there an agreement option for the City to warranty to neighborhoods that developments as presented by developers/owners will actually be implemented?

For example, Museum Park was told that selling Calumet to the Holocaust Museum would result in green space, pedestrian amenities and infrastructure improvements for the neighborhood. This came from the City and HMMH. The block of Calumet sold is now a private parking lot, blocked to traffic and pedestrians. Agreements weren't binding or don't exist? We love HMMH but don't appreciate this type of negotiation.

Thank you again for your help.

Best regards,

Kathleen

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