



Museum Park Neighborhood Association

General Meeting March 6, 2013

Location: 5300 Caroline Street, Houston Texas 77004

Time: 6:00pm

### ***Meeting Minutes***

#### ***Meeting began at 6:00pm with President, Sean Murphy presiding***

**Present:** Sean Murphy, President; Greg Quintero, Vice President; Tammy Hendrix-Doucette, Secretary; Toni Potts, Treasurer; Armin Porter, Parliamentarian; Kathleen O'Reilly, Beautification and Infrastructure Committee; AJ Villa, Safety Committee; Sandy Stevens, Community Engagement

**Absent:** Cynthia Tang, Membership Committee

**President's Update:** Sean, 288SH Expansion overlooked mass transit with widening the highway. Send comments back to TxDot by 3/21/13. The next BOD meeting will be held on 3/20/13 please RSVP if you would like to attend. Mayor is asking for Houston Grant (1 Bin solution to trash).

**Vice President Report:** Nothing to Report

**Secretary Report:** Asked if the Minutes from February 6, 2013 Meeting were approved. Minutes were accepted and will be put on website.

**Treasurers Report:** Toni reported on budget and based on her projected budget we will need to increase membership because at the going rate we will be overdrawn by \$1000 by the end of the year. All books are being done by Quickbooks and Excel.

Vice President, Greg, asked if the bank is charging for an account. Toni reported, no.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Sandy reporting for Cynthia on membership: Growing to 90 members versus the 35 we had at the end of 2011.

#### **Community Engagement – Sandy reported on social events**

- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00pm, Pinewood Café.
- April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00pm BBQ in Lucille's Backyard

## Beauty and Infrastructure:

Kathleen – Greater SE Management District will water the trees. Submitted a prohibited yard parking so be expecting a notice within the next couple of weeks. The city's goal is to get improved parking surfaces where parking over tree roots. Yard parking damages infrastructure and trees and it looks bad. For those homes not concreted will allow the use of gravel. Other concerns were in regard to cars parking in rental spaces. Opportunities for feedback concerning the submittal will be allowed to the city.

MOSE: Mayors Office of Special Events for information on how to get to this area and how to park.

Complete Street Workshop – City of Houston will be partnering with our neighborhood. Peter Brown will be doing walks to show the concerns of the pedestrian bike/vehicle conflict. Houston Tomorrow is sponsoring a speaker will be held at Asia Society on April 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> for the workshop.

No idling ordinance is a memorandum agreement to keep the buses from idling around the urban parks. Let Councilmember Adams know that we support it. The Museum District Association is asking their stakeholders to work on the idling.

We would like to bring a committee together to plant more end caps on the medians. Right now we are soliciting for a landscape person who will take care of the soil on the median.

Grand Gateway at Mecom Fountain is completely funded with construction scheduled to begin shortly. The Gateway is designed to enhance pedestrian safety.

Hermann Drive reclassification – 288 project alternative will be withdrawn due to the protest of MPNA. The bump outs will involve Austin, Jackson and Caroline.  
**Debbie Wornet** brought concerns regarding the bump outs because it will cause

**Member** suggested reaching out to Lindbeck and Archcon for underwriting for the complete streets and she will be happy to help since she has contacts.

The (Landscape Centennial Garden) consultants coming in to view our Complete Streets Project to show for the potential opportunities.

**Member** stated there are options to put in the design to allow for bike riders along with the bumpouts.

\*Greg's draft plan will go on the website with reaching out to neighbors and just being neighborly policy. Opening dialogue between residents, neighbors and the businesses in the area.

**Member** suggested a stop sign to be placed at Calumet since it is dangerous and drivers are not realizing they need to be cautious of the drivers.

**Member** commented about the trash around the old Frost lot because of trash in the fence (Austin, Calumet, Caroline).

Kathleen will invite the Director of the Asia Society to the next General Meeting suggested by Dr. Stone.

## **Safety Committee:**

AJ – Civility Ordinance

Original purpose – Created for Super Bowl

Current Ordinances/Laws

1. City ordinance in place for blocking sidewalks
2. Trespassing Affidavit for private property.

Alternative to Civility Ordinance

1. Formation of Security Alliance
2. Working with City of Houston Homeless Coordinator to target problem area
3. 100,000 Homes Campaign/Homeless Registry Week
4. HPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)
5. Full service homeless organizations, ie REACH, Star of Hope
6. Engaging churches that feed homeless

**Member** asked about what to do about homeless persons on abandoned properties.

AJ turned over Charity Mengez –

Team Lead for Homeless search particularly from 5-9 on Thursdays. Annual luncheon 2013 is on April 2nd at Hilton Americas. Searchhomeless.org to advise Charity and her team of issues or concerns to be dispatched in those needed areas. The efforts are not to criminalize homeless but are here to help the community and those in need of help.

**Member** asked how dangerous are the homeless? Concerned with the interactions with the homeless

**Old Business:** Mike Neff question to AJ about private patrol.

**New Business:** AJ appointed to the Super Neighborhood by Lisa Lipscomb and a **member** 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Vote on moving the meeting to 6:15 informally suggested by Lisa Lipscomb.

**Announcements:**

Meeting adjourned 7:11pm by Sean, President