



Museum Park Neighborhood Association

General Meeting June 5, 2013

Location: Holocaust Museum, 5401 Caroline Street, Houston Texas 77004

Time: 6:00pm

***Meeting Minutes***

***Prior to meeting:***

President Sean Murphy introduced John Bradshaw, Acting Director, Asia Society.

John noted that Asia Society was implementing a Better Neighbor Policy effective July 1 that is compliant with City of Houston traffic and noise ordinances that focus on items such as:

- Better load in / out policy (no trucks after 11 pm)

John asked for neighborhood patience as contracts for May were written prior to this new initiative.

General questions for John included:

- Planning for vacant lot at SW corner?: Asia Society has no connection with it.
- Underused parking lot: Acknowledged, but was made a paid pit at the request of CoH to avoid conflict with surrounding parking meters
- What is pay system?: Similar to Rice lots and admittedly confusing.

***Meeting began at 6:21pm with President, Sean Murphy presiding***

**Present:** Sean Murphy, President; Greg Quintero, Vice President; Toni Potts, Treasurer; AJ Villa, Safety Committee;

**Absent:** Tammy Hendrix-Doucette, Secretary; ; Armin Porter, Parliamentarian; Cynthia Tang, Membership Committee; Sandy Stevens, Community Engagement, Kathleen O'Reilly, Quality of Life.

No projector, so oral reports

Announcement of new Preservation Board Position. Call for volunteers

**Vice President's Report:** Block Coordinator map and volunteer sign-up sheet posted at meeting. Call for volunteers.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Approx \$3K+ in account. Balance sheet to be uploaded to website.

Toni Potts announced her resignation and turned over accumulated accounting data

Call for replacement volunteer. Armin and Cynthia will assist in the interim.

**Secretary's Report:** Not present. No report

**Parliamentarian's Report:** Not present. No report

### **Committee Reports**

**Community Engagement:** AJ for Sandy

- Ice Cream Social the forthcoming Sunday. Free ice-cream and pedal boats. Announcement emphasized this is a family event.
- National Night Out. First Tuesday in Oct. Call for volunteers
- Next meeting will be at the Carriage House

**Safety and Security:** AJ

- Summary from 100,000 Homes Houston Registry Week has been published and available at [houstonhomeless.org](http://houstonhomeless.org)
- MPNA commended by president of SEARCH Homeless Services for not pursuing the Civility Ordinance
- AJ provided update from the Greater Southeast Management District's Public Safety meeting. Auto break-ins are on the rise, however break-ins are down by 11% year to date
- HPD cautions that petty theft rises during the summer due to school summer breaks and minors being left alone
- AJ calls for any safety and security issues to be sent to him
- COP call for volunteers. 4 current applications. Need more for a class
- COP signs still in the works
- No additional info on January homicide

**Quality of Life:** Reported by Sean Murphy

- SPARK Park initiative has been presented to Dr. Patricia Allen, Principal of MacGregor Elementary, who does not support this initiative due to security concerns. AJ relayed Principal's concerns to HPD/Constables at the GSMD Public Safety Meeting. AJ requested Constables/HPD to increase patrol around the Elementary in an attempt to allay concerns. Park would cost approx \$100K
- Public meeting regarding 288 planned for 7pm on June 27. See website for location and more info

**Membership:** Reported by Sean Murphy

- 118 members and growing

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business**

- Concern about port-o-johns being used for transients. 311 encouraged as an avenue for reporting any related issues
- Anyone wanting abandoned tree stakes should contact Lisa
- New Gallery at 1500 block of Blodgett is now open
- Suggested "Thank You" opportunities to our local fire fighters a few times a year. At the national night out as a suggested time.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 by Sean Murphy.