



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 3rd
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Clayton Library Carriage House

1. General Meeting Called to Order and Presidents' Report: (Sean)
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:08PM.
2. Membership Committee Report: (Fernando)
 - a. 124 Active Members (total is slightly down).
 - b. Would like to solicit feedback on why/why not to become a member.
 - c. Membership sub-committee formed to reach out to area businesses.
3. Vice President's Report: (Greg)

No Report
4. Secretary's Report: (Sara)

No Report
5. Treasurer's Report: (Cynthia)
 - a. Dues received since January - \$3800. Administrative expenses - \$1013. Community Engagement Expenses - \$159 (but reminder that CE actually makes money). Quality of Life & Infrastructure Expenses - \$3,348. Cash on Hand - \$7,674.
6. Parliamentarian's Report: (Armin)
 - a. 501C (3) letter for matching donations is on the website.
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
8. Community Engagement Report: (Sandy)
 - a. National Night Out scheduled for October 7th, so no General MPNA meeting will be held in October. Event is an opportunity to get to know neighbors and highlight crime prevention & security for MPNA (HPD and Fire Department to be represented.) Games and children's area to include clown with balloon art, cupcake walk, and "Recipe for Success" Public Schools Program. Invitations have been sent to the Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops at MacGregor Elementary School. Event will also be hosting a "Taste of Museum Park" as well as Citizens on Patrol, Greater SE Management District, and Covenant Church. Efforts to arrange a Food Truck are ongoing. Volunteers still needed for National Night Out, especially one hour slots for the Children's Games as well as volunteers to help take down. Last year approximately 150 people attended the event. Signs will be put out 1 week ahead of time. Questions can be sent to social@museumparkna.org

- b. Covenant Church to offer yoga classes. A \$10 donation is requested.

9. Safety & Security Report: (AJ)

- a. PIP Meetings (Positive Interaction Program) are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the South Central Station, 7pm. Complaints can be phoned in or posted on NextDoor, but for greatest effectiveness, it is important to attend PIP Meetings. Format for meetings is a 30-40 minute presentation with the last few minutes open to question and answers. Complaint forms can be obtained @ PIP meetings. Officer Sanchez calls on every form.
- b. Homeless Concerns: the City of Houston is working on a campaign to provide housing for the chronically homeless. The homeless population has escalated in the past few months, and aggressive behavior has increased. Museum Park Super Neighborhood's Security Alliance (Museums, businesses, etc...) will be meeting next month to address the issue. Dwight Boykins also putting together a task force for the homeless.

10. Quality of Life and Infrastructure: (Kathleen)

- a. Kathleen gave a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the roles and responsibilities of the Greater SE Management District, TIRZ, and the Super Neighborhood. The OST (Old Spanish Trail)/Almeda TIRZ is a tax increment re-investment zone. The Greater SE Management District addresses economic development and transportation issues funded through tax assessments on businesses. TIRZ is funded through ad-valorem (a percentage of taxes already collected), and the function of TIRZ is to attract private investment. Revenue has increased substantially in the last 6-7 years. The Super Neighborhood was designated by the City of Houston so that a defined geographic area could speak to the city with one voice. Because the Super Neighborhood does not have the ability to raise funds, all fund-raising initiatives have been carried out through the Museum Park Neighborhood Association. The Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council is comprised of representatives from the Museum Park Neighborhood Association, the Museum District Association, the South Main Alliance, the Hermann Park Conservancy, area churches, schools, businesses, and health care providers. Additionally, the HGAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council) is a volunteer group for regional planning. The Main Street Blooms project is a good example of the various groups working together for the greater good, and received the Mayor's Proud Partner Award.
- b. Projects such as crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes, and others that the City of Houston is not able to provide can be accomplished by the above groups. Currently waiting on an agreement between HGAC and the SE Management District. Also, would like input on what information would be helpful for a Parking Survey.

11. Old Business/New Business: None

12. Announcements: Petition against the re-routing of METRO bus to take a turn on Blodgett (Route 8) collecting signatures.

13. Meeting adjourned at 6:51PM.

*General Meeting Minutes Recorded by
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MPNA Secretary*

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