

Do you want to help shape one of Houston's most prominent and most visited (8-12 million visitors a year) neighborhoods?

Rice Design Alliance's 2012 design charrette, "People, Places and Promenades," will focus on creating a master plan for the Museum Park Super Neighborhood. This neighborhood is home to eighteen museums, including The MFA,H and Houston Museum of Natural Science, five churches, several preschools, MacGregor Elementary School, Park Plaza Hospital, Baylor Outpatient, Hermann Park, the little train, Hermann Park Golf Course, and the Houston Zoo.

Charrette participants will be challenged to brainstorm general solutions for the continuing growth in the area, including ways to help ease vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The neighborhood is hoping to implement a design soon, so participating in the competition could result in a very real impact on this world-class destination.

The charrette will be held Saturday, August 4, 2012 from 8 am to

4 pm (A reception where the winning entries will be announced will be held on August 6, 2012 from 6 pm to 8 pm). Please click **here** for more information and **here** to register.

We also invite you to a site visit on Saturday, July 28 from 8:30 am to 10 am at the Garden Center, located at 1500 Hermann Park Drive inside Hermann Park, to explore the neighborhood and learn more about the charrette.

Best,

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