



General Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

6:00 pm

President Greg Quintero called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum was noted.

Treasurer Cynthia posted the treasurer's report on the website.

Secretary No report. Minutes from previous meeting distributed in the reminder email.

Mayra Hypolite, Department of Neighborhoods. She recently visited the neighborhood to review concerns expressed by MPNA about the Hines construction site at Caroline/Southmore. Mayra indicated that the letter from the MPNA Board was an effective tool in addressing those concerns. She forwarded MPNA's letter to Deputy Director PWE, Mark **Loethen** to respond to several of the concerns. Mayra reported:

- All permits for the project are in order.
- The issue of workers parking near the site rather than in off-site parking on Blodgett is being addressed.
- **The City** is coming out daily to ensure compliance with ordinances.
- The construction company is being required to spray the area with water more frequently to keep down dust.
- At the completion of the project, Hines will be required to rebuild the street, sidewalks, and esplanades to their original condition.

Mayra encouraged neighbors to:

- Call HPD if you observe employees hanging around the neighborhood after work.
- Call 311 or Mayra, 713-408-0538 if you observe any out-of-compliance issues.
- Builders/problems with builders should be reported to 311. Request case # so you can refer to it later.
- 311 has a really good app, which is effective way to report issues if you are walking in the neighborhood.

Discussion moved to concerns regarding homeless. Captain Phillips, Precinct 7 Constables Office, reported that the constables' office works in cooperation with Metro Police and HPD. He believes the increase in the homeless population in MP is due to a larger number of Texas Department of Correction releases arriving at the bus station in Midtown. Question: Does HPD meet TDC releases and send people onto their final destination? Captain Phillips: No.

Membership No report. Membership Chair position is still open if anyone has interest, let Greg know. First Time **Visitors were asked to stand and introduce themselves**

Community Engagement

- Cindy announced a successful neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt at Covenant Church on Saturday, March 26.
- Join us after tonight's meeting for *Meet and Greet* at Reggae Hut on Alameda to enjoy a complimentary drink.
- Cindy is passing around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the Children's games, which MPNA will sponsor, during the upcoming Sunday Streets event, April 24.

Quality of Life and Infrastructure

- Museum Park will again be hosting Sunday Streets, scheduled for April 24, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- Palm Street abandonment. CM Dwight Boykins forwarded **the MP resolution (opposition to Palm Street Abandonment)** to Mark Loethen, who heads the Joint Referral Committee.
- The 2nd Livable Centers public meeting was held April 5 at the Buffalo Soldiers Museum. The current plan reflects the result of the needs assessment.

Announcements Roger Kenneavy, Dan's House of Hope, announced the upcoming golf tournament/fundraiser scheduled for May 2 at Riverbend Country Club in Sugarland. See Roger if you are interested in participating.

Adjourned: 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Stevens
MPNA Vice-President