



MPNA General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 07, 2021
Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom. 38+ participants.
Call to Order: 6:01 pm

Guest Speaker introduction: Sandy Stevens

Council Member Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, District D

- Aware of MPNA challenges, including bike lanes (will review again after one year), parking and noise generated by commercial construction (QoL must be respected), parking and noise generated by establishments along Almeda. CM Shabazz will try a more in person approach but acknowledges that Ordinances will be necessary to effect real change. She has also been occupied with coordinating efforts to repair 3rd Ward homes that were impacted by the freeze that are under one specific Owner. Email her office with specific requests and concerns: districtd@houstontx.gov

Houston Police Department - Commander Johnson and Sgt. Weiche, South Central DRT. Lt. Parker

- Commander Johnson has asked CM Shabazz to assist in providing a community message that encourages coexistence between residences and commercial establishments. A meeting will be targeted for next week. Next PIP Mtg will be in person. The date will be posted to the MPNA website.
- Overall crime in MPNA is "pretty quiet". Commander Johnson has been strategizing (Southeast Mgt, etc) with a goal to assure businesses understand the consequences of impact on the area. This will be a positive message in the spirit of cooperation.
- Sgt Weiche. For MPNA - Overall decrease of 35% when compared to last year. Only increase was aggravated assaults: 5 last year compared to 8 this year.

Greentown Labs – Juliana Garaizar, Launch Director

- The former Fiesta location. Opening will be Earth Day, April 22, 2021, 2:00 p.m. This will be live streamed. November will be targeted for an in-person community event/opening
- Largest Cleantech Incubator. Originally founded in Boston
- Tackles the largest greenhouse gas emitting sectors
- Visit <https://www.greentownlabs.com> for more information

President's Report: Sandy Stevens

- Livable Places Action Committee March 23 meeting is available: https://houstontx.gov/planning/meeting_documents.html . Next meeting scheduled for April 20
- Conservation Districts March 24 meeting video is available: https://houstontx.gov/planning/Focus_group_meeting_videos.html Roman McAllen, City of Houston Preservation Officer, spoke at last month's Super Neighborhood Meeting. Drafting info that will allow areas to opt in as a conservation district

MPSN Report: Ruth Ann Skaff

- MPNA Mtg next wed 5:30 virtually. Heat mapping will be discussed by Maria Aho
- Community parking plan will also be discussed
- Visit <https://www.museumparksn.org> for more information

Vice President: Pam Campbell

- \$100 candy donation to South Central HPD for their Easter event

- Shipley's Donuts on Richmond Ave closing in mid-April

Secretary's Report: Greg Quintero

- March 3 General Meeting Minutes posted to the MPNA website

Treasurer's Report / Green Team Report: Sandy for Cynthia Tang

- Financial report:
 - Posted online. About \$23,143 in the bank. Recent significant expenditure for the Green Team item below
- Green Team Report:
 - Southmore esplanade tree pruning, and fertilizing completed
 - Saturday, April 24 will be next neighborhood green up effort. Email to follow

Parliamentarian: Bill Powell

- (no report)

Committee Reports

1. Preservation: Lynn Dahlberg
 - (no report)
2. Membership: Sandy Stevens for Louis Selig
 - Please join. Your membership supports all our efforts
3. Community Engagement: Cindy Woods / Cathy Ehlinger
 - Free Outdoor Social event at Covenant Church lawn – Monarch Chamber Players concert Sunday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. Will follow social distancing guidelines.
4. Quality of Life: Kim Mickelson / Joselyn Thomas
 - Meeting with Family Dollar about cleaning around dumpster. Typically occurs daily except Sunday.
 - Be accurate with 311 reporting for faster response
5. Safety & Security: Sandy for Deirdre Barrett
 - (no report)

Announcements: Sandy Stevens

- Next Meeting: May 5
- Rain barrel sales event sponsored by City of Houston Public Works. 50 gallon Ivy Rain Barrell - \$52. Order by May 16 for a pickup day May 22, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Houston Botanical Garden, 8210 Park Place Blvd, 77017. To order online: [Rain Barrel Sale Houston, Texas | Rain Water Solutions Inc.](#)
- Visit MPNA Facebook page for links and announcements

Adjournment

Time: 7:23 pm

End of Notes by Greg Quintero

The notes above represent the Author's understanding of the meeting discussion. Please provide any comments or corrections to the Author within 5 days of distribution of these minutes, otherwise the notes will remain as a factual recordation of the discussion.