



January 13, 2021 Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Minutes

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Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly; Paul Wilson; Ruth Ann Skaff; Sandra Stevens; Barbara McGuffey; Nick Hellyar; Jose Ferraro; Brad Levy; Allison xxxx; Kyle Wolfe; Bonna Kol; Oleg Jolic; Dale Furrow, ex-officio; Margaret Lynch, ex-officio; Jack Valenski; ex-officio

Other Attendees: Lt. Lewis Parker, HPD South Central; Sgt. Chris Weiche, HPD DRT South Center; Cindy Wood, MPNA; Pam Campbell, MPNA; Moritza Day; Cynthia Alvarez

HPD Report: Lt. Lewis Parker introduced himself and was welcomed. Sgt. Weiche reported that overall crime is down 35% from December 2019 compared to December 2020. Statistic details are on the recording.

TABC Violations such as 2100 Travis Street. Overtime programs provide funds for HPD to respond to bar noise, overcrowding and parking violations. Coordination with Parking Management, Precinct 7, and Parking Enforcement who deal with DWIs, etc raise helpful public visibility. Bar 5015 owner Steve Rogers provided his phone number 832-641-9293 so residents can call him to resolved complaints and he will meet with Park Management to seek solutions. Citizens may call Public Records for information about the October murder on the roof of the Children's Museum.

Guest Speakers – Coalition for the Homeless, Catherine Villarreal, Director of Communications;
Ana Rausch, VP Program Operations arausch@homelesshouston.org; and Sara Martinez, VP Development

Coalition for the Homeless www.homelesshouston.org is not a direct service provider. They are the lead agency to coordinate the delivery of services from 100 stakeholder partners in Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery Counties. The collective local effort, called 'The Way Home, is a term used by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Way Home is a continuum of care to help people get housing covering 3,700 square miles. Since 2012, they have housed 20,000 persons with an 85% success rate and is a 54% reduction of persons experiencing homelessness.

The Way Home Continuum of Care (CoC) knows that **the most effective public health response to reduce community spread of COVID-19** among people experiencing homelessness **will be to ensure that all people experiencing homelessness have a safe, permanent home**. Rapidly expanding access to housing will also **improve healthcare outcomes and reduce reliance on expensive emergency services** like hospital visits, thus decreasing the burden on the healthcare system and **reducing costs**.

Used wisely, the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (**CARES**) **Act funding from the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) gives Harris County and the City of Houston an unprecedented opportunity** to transform the homeless response system and get ahead of future demand for crisis housing services due to the expected economic impact of COVID-19.

By immediately accelerating access to permanent housing and maintaining that surge over the next 24 months, **we expect the following outcomes** throughout our region:

- housing approximately 5,000 people by the end of 2022
- increasing housing options for people recently released from incarceration
- ending chronic homelessness

- reducing encampments
- expanding targeted outreach to unincorporated
- expanding crisis housing resources
- reducing length of time experiencing homelessness

Harris Center, jail diversion (23 minutes) Denis is now permanent supportive housing

Future navigation center

HPD has a non-emergency how do they coordinate with HOT team. Ana said CFH.

KOR Who do call when we see someone on the street who is homeless? If there are encampments, whom do we report. ca

Street Guide flyer

Valuable discussion, Q&A, available on the zoom recording.

President's Report: Caroline Promenade

Revised Bylaws have been approved. HPD is meeting with the bars along Alameda Corridor, to encourage compliance. Mayor Turner has announced a significant street rehabilitation initiative. Given how old MP streets are plus the damage caused by construction, we should involve CM Evans Shabazz to participate. An Endowment for Arbor Care and Green Space, working with Parks, is needed. Some funds from the Parking Management District will also be allocated for maintenance. All are invited to email Kathleen their impressions of the new bike lanes

VP Report: N/A

Secretary's Report: N/A

Committee Reports:

Safety & Security – HPD see above

Livable Places Committee Reported by Sandy Stevens.

Five meetings to date. Buffering is such an important, serious topic that the entire committee will discuss, in lieu of a focus group/task force. Garage screening, noise control standards, area lighting fixtures. Because Houston has no zoning ordinances, often options and solutions of other cities are not applicable to Houston.

Since stated emphasis of LPC is Single Family Residences (SFR) neighborhoods, Kathleen asked if MP, considered a mixed-use neighborhood by CoH, and the Museums' interest in form-based code, in tandem with goals of the Livable Center Study, can forge a path as a cultural district, based on State of Texas definitions. Kathleen advises asking for cultural district with MP boundaries. Paul Wilson recommends being proactive seeking cultural designation (with MP boundaries). Barbara McGuffey advises being involved with Preservation Task Force to advocate for cultural designation for MP> and Sandy has requested a conversation with Historic Preservation Officer Roman McAllen to discuss. He chairs the Conservation Focus Group.

Ongoing Business: Conducted MPSN Council Officer Election. The following officers were re-elected: President - Kathleen O'Reilly, Vice President - Paul Wilson, Secretary, Treasurer - Ruth Ann Skaff

The other MPSN delegates and alternates in attendance introduced themselves: Sandra Stevens, Barbara McGuffey, Jose Ferraro, Nick Hellyar, Kyle Wolfe, and ex-officio Dale Furrow; and ex-officio, Jack Valenski, with Mayor's Assistance Office. Two new church representative attendees were introduced and warmly welcomed, Rev. D. Scott Cooper, Assistant Minister, First Unitarian Universalist Church (5200 Fannin) and Ms. Rachel Wiggs, Director of Communications, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main Street

New Business:

Request for support for Neartown SN opposing the closure of Lovett Boulevard as well as the process of the (lack of) public notification on how decisions on abandonment of public right of way. Neither the SuperNeighborhood nor Civic Association were notified. Jack Valenski offered to help and recommended that the SN Alliance be involved. Barbara McGuffey spoke in favor, and moved, since it's a frequent occurrence (Ewing Street is a past example)

Paul Wilson seconded and motion carried unanimously. Nick Hellyar spoke about sidewalk width issue, and advised checking back with Marisa Aho.

Proposed goals for 2021 include:

- Working towards funding for implementation of the Caroline Promenade and Culture Trail.
 - Creating a Maintenance Endowment fund for improved esplanade maintenance and management in partnership with Houston Parks Dept. and Houston SE Management District.
 - Revitalizing Museum Park Safety and Security Team, which includes security personnel from the museums, hospitals, schools, Harris Co. Constables contracted through Houston SE Management District, and others.
 - Other?
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