



February 13, 2019 - Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes Council Member Attendees: Kathleen O'Reilly; Paul Wilson; Ruth Ann Skaff; Barbara McGuffey; Michael Gillespie; Kyle Wolfe; Susan Young; Brad Levy

- Other Attendees: Chena Karega (METRO); Carl Davis (CoH); Juan Antonio Sorto (SNA); Sgt. Eric V. Flores; Sgt. Johnnie McGee; Officer Tracie Matthews (HPD)

Location: Farish Media Center, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Time: 5:30 PM

Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes.

President's Report:

- Met with TXDoT and other parties regarding connections on streets in Museum Park impacted by IH45/59 project. Susan Young; Paul Wilson; Greg Marshall (Rice Univ.); Marie Hoke – Central Houston, Natalia Baird (SWA).
- Museum Park bridges have different geometry than most IH45 bridges—may be adequate for bikes and pedestrians—but may be difficult to install trees, green space. Cap parks are now essentially bridges, per Marie Hoake in Central Houston (which is generously funding this initiative). All the bridges are at angles in Museum Park which impacts what can be built and loadbearing capacity. Susan will have some art ideas. Concern about Caroline Esplanade; esplanade is to be retained. Ongoing conversation with TXDoT necessary re: design elements.
- April 3, MPSN/MPNA joint meeting; Rice Property Management and Central Houston will present re:
 - Innovation District
 - IH45/59 Museum Park Caps/Bridges.

Vice President's Report - Rice Quarterly luncheon meeting affirmed SMA assessment that Rice is currently focused on renovating Sears and its 9 blocks; they are not yet focused on the greater area, transportation, nor the many other related issues, etc. Example: Wheeler Blodgett intersection is very difficult because it flanks several districts, therefore no one takes solid ownership.

Guest Presentation: Chena Karega, METRO Next; <http://metronext.org/>

- Greater Houston population is projected to double to 9.3 million by 2040, surpassing Chicago as the nation's 3rd largest city. METRO is actively seeking community input to design transit to move more people. Phase 1 has several dozen community engagement meetings with goal of long-term vision plan. METRO will propose a \$7.5 billion bond authority referendum November 19, 2019.
- Discussion points included access to Texas Medical Center, airports, work, safety, speed, reliability, technology, accessibility, and connection to outlying areas. Comments included homeless issue. Chena depicted \$35 billion 'dream' version as well as a more realistic plan. Implementation, priority of projects, and start dates not yet determined.
- Questions re: funding—bonds, sales tax, etc. 35\$ B wish list; how much for realistic scenario.
- Paul Wilson asked about prioritization if full funding not realized. Barbara McGuffey requested summary of benefits to Museum Park. Chena will send info for March 6 MPNA meeting.

Open Timeline for METRONext comments.

HPD

- Sgt. Johnnie McGee introduced Officer Tracie Matthews who replaces Sgt. Simmons. She has been an Officer for 15 years, starting in Community Service, South Central in Precinct 1. Officer Matthews previously served in Galveston and Bellaire, community service, vice. Sgt. McGee encouraged everyone to attend PIP meetings. Gang Division will focus on intervention as prevention on Feb 19. Captain Zia encouraged a variety of crime prevention initiatives. Educating clubs about loud noise ordinances; how to report overserving alcohol. Sgt. Flores dealing with civility issues from Fiesta to Spur – TX Dot and South Central DRT. Sgt. Flores has 2 open positions.
- Sgt. Eric V. Flores delivered January statistics. Car break-ins on uptick in area.

	2018.	2019
Robbery	5	5
Auto theft	0	7
- MPSN is also patrolled by Pct 7 Constables.
- Town hall meeting on April 13 in 2nd Ward. “How immigration interacts with law enforcement.”
- Ripley House 4410 Navigation from 10-2. Next session will be with us or 3rd Ward, requesting civic associations for most pressing concerns.
- Sgt. Flores and Pam Campbell met with Fiesta General Manager to discuss accountability of Fiesta security.
- Sgt. Flores will meet with Pace Setters Monday; Regional Manager was unaware of current situation.
- Clean ups are on-going. Per Capt. Zia, charitable food distribution enforcement is education only at this time due to discrepancies in City ordinance.
- Database will be shared with Central DRT and Downtown DRT.
- Displaced shopping carts: Reported to 311 but staff did not have answers. Sgt Flores and Carl Davis were asked to research 311 solutions for abandoned shopping carts.
- HPD has requested that Dept. of Public Safety meet with area privately employed security teams to better understand the duties and responsibilities of private security and trained law enforcement personnel.
- Car break-ins have been occurring in area parking lots
- Sgt. Flores discussed Vice Training—flags regarding sex trafficking, runaways. Houston is the number one city in the US for sex trafficking.

Community Parking Plan - Public Comment period for Draft Ordinance closes March 13, 5 pm.

Other announcements:

April 3 joint meeting MPSN/MPNA, Covenant Church, 4949 Caroline, 6 pm. Rice/Central Houston presentations.

Friday March 1: Asia Society Tiger Ball. Southmore between Caroline and Austin will closed Friday to Saturday

Saturday, March 2: Hermann Park Dog Walk, 8-10AM

Sunday, March 24, Hermann Park Kite Festival, 10AM-5PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM