



Museum Park Super Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

- Council Member Attendees: Alex Triantaphyllis, Susan Young, Greg Quintero, Sandy Stevens, Paul Wilson, Kimina Jamison, Kathleen O'Reilly.
- Other Attendees: James Vick, SWA; Cheryl Huffman, SWA; Kristin Hawkins, candidate for judge; Mike Mann, Mann Eye Institute; Dana Ondrias, Mann Eye Institute; Rand Turner, Mann; Brandon Houston, Trammell Crow; Marko Pasigenis, Philip Johnson Architects; Carl Davis, MCAO; Cindy Woods, MPNA; Kyle Shelton, Kinder Institute; Ethan Beeson; Council Member Dwight Boykins.

Date: January 13, 2016

Location: Farish Media Center, MFAH

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Introductions around the Table

Mann Eye Institute:

Dr. Mike Mann introduced his team, including his clinic manager, representatives from Philip Johnson Architects and Trammel-Crow.

- Current plans are to develop 2.5 acres on property between Main and Fannin that now includes Whitney Bank building and car wash.
- Goal is to develop three blocks into "something really nice for the Museum District and for our neighbors."
- Development will have a sense of green space, fountains, something really beautiful, similar to Post Oak area, going beyond what the city would do.
- Current plan includes demolishing the current Mann Eye Clinic building.
- Height of development not set.
- Mixed use, but plans are not final. Could include hotel, apartments, or condos. Still exploring financials.
- Current plan is to keep Palm open to vehicular traffic.
- However, request for abandonment is in process.

Concerns expressed

- Concern about traffic and parking in Museum Park.
- 12 million visitors per year to the area. Abandonment of Palm will mean loss of public right of way, a critical issue to a neighborhood that has already lost 6 of 12 street entrances into the area due to light rail.
- Is there a way to use Palm without blocking it to vehicular traffic?
- Request traffic study.
- Next step is to hold a public hearing, but that step is up to the developer.

Livable Center Study:

James Vick

- SWA was asked to pause the LCS while other area projects and master plans were unfolding.
- Will be restarting in February with a needs assessment.
- In May, formulating plans.

Dwight Boykins arrived to hear Dr. Mann, but missed presentation. Discussion followed regarding tools MPSN can use to maintain public right of way.

Safety and Security:

- Alex is currently surveying Midtown, Montrose, University Place, and Houston Southeast to determine their capabilities and key strategies for safety.
- Presented a proposed plan for Safety and Security efforts in 2016.

Announcements:

Susan reported that BCycle got a grant to open more stations in this area. Locations are yet to be determined

Dwight announced that he will be meeting with HEB executives later in the week regarding the new HEB location slated for 288 @ North Macgregor.

Susan move to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55 p.m.