

Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. T.A.B.C. Permits— Richard (Dick) Wills, Regional Supervisor

Wills reviewed the process for issuing “on-premise” permit for the sale of alcohol – either mixed beverage or beer & wine. There is a 60 day period before any permit is issued during which a protest can be submitted. The applicant must post a poster-size notice during this period, in a prominent location on the property, that an application has been submitted for a permit to sell alcohol. The city, the county, and the state comptroller must all sign off that the applicant has met their requirements (e.g., city requirements for parking spaces). Otherwise, there must be legal grounds for a permit to be denied; i.e., there must be evidence of “nefarious activity” such as drug dealing, human trafficking, etc.

After a permit is issued, it can be cancelled for cause – if there has been misrepresentation or there are other legal grounds. Permits must be renewed every two years and there is another 60-day window prior to the renewal date during which protests can be filed.

Protests, regardless of reason, should be submitted to Wills. It only take one protest letter to trigger an investigation.

Wills also clarified how measurements are taken to determine “alcohol-free zones” in proximity to a church or school. For a church, the measurement is taken from the front door of the church to the street front, along the street, to the front door of the establishment. For schools, the measurement is taken from property line to property line along the street front. Restaurants (51% or more of revenue from food) may serve alcohol within these zones.

Forms and information (e.g., status of an application/permit) can be found on the TABC website: <https://www.tabc.state.tx.us/>.

2. Montrose Management District, Parking Management Proposal Update— Bill Calderon

The Montrose Management District (MMD) has submitted an application for the Montrose District Special Parking Area under a new city ordinance that permits areas to be designated as special parking districts. The application has gone through two rounds of reviews and revisions with the City Planning Department and Calderon expects the final application to be sent to the City by mid next week (last week of July).

The goal of having the parking district designation is to help maintain the character of the Montrose while also promoting economic growth. The designation will allow the Management District to make the on-site parking requirements for businesses more flexible using standards established by MMD. There may also be an opportunity to capture a tax increment that would permit MMD to invest in centralized parking to serve the district (e.g., adding extra spaces to a garage planned by a private developer). The details of these provisions are still being worked out.

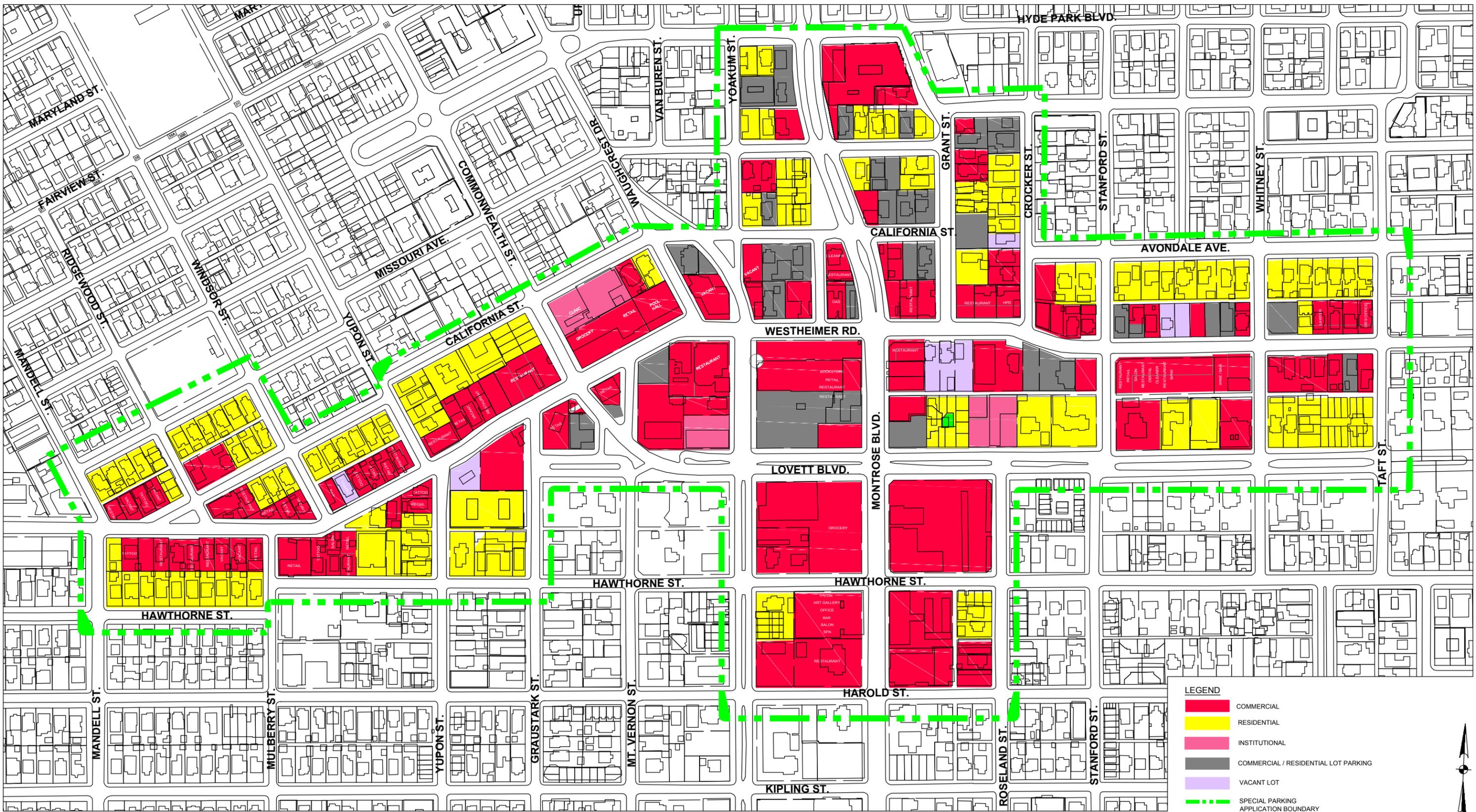
The MMD parking district proposal will probably go to City Planning Commission in the next month and then to City Council for approval in October. Attached is map of the Montrose District Special Parking Area.

3. Other

- Friends of Mandell Park invites everyone to their Renovation Celebration, Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM at Mandell Park, Richmond and Mandell. The Mayor will be present; refreshments and tours are planned.
- There will be a mural unveiling and block party at The Printing Museum, Friday, July 25, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For details see: <https://www.facebook.com/events/539044562866637/>
- The City Council Quality of Life Committee meets Wed, July 23. Topic is new NO SMOKING policy in City parks

The meeting was adjourned at ~8:15 pm.

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AREA OF STUDY  
 FIGURE 1 (MONTROSE-LAND USE OVERVIEW MAP)

Scale: 1" = 300'-0"

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MONTROSE DISTRICT  
 SPECIAL PARKING AREA

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