

Neartown Association Meeting Minutes May 26, 2015

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

22 in attendance

Called to order by Greg at 7:05 pm

1). Introductions –

- All Attendees signed in and each was identified as “general membership” or as “leaders of civic clubs” for TIRZ voting purposes.

2). Community Protection Program – Vince Ryan, County Attorney, Harris County Attorney’s Office

- Vince Ryan has been the Harris County Attorney since 2009. Vince discussed:
 - His career with the City of Houston having held office of Assistant County Attorney in 1987 and three terms with the city council in 1988 prior to becoming the County Attorney in 2009.
 - How the City of Houston has changed with the term limits in place for the City Council and Mayor and the strong mayor form of government that was created with the doing away with the City of Houston’s City Manager
 - The attorneys with the County Attorney’s Office who focus on civil issues
 - Deed restrictions his office looks into when they are identified and brought to their attention
 - The County Attorney’s Office participation in the closing of illegal businesses

3). Montrose TIRZ Selection

- Greg recognized and thanked the TIRZ Committees —both volunteers and leaders who donated their time and knowledge
- Vote of Neartown Neighborhood Member Organizations on TIRZ options:
 - Item 1 –Vote to honor existing Zone/Deed Restrictions and Historic District Regulations—the voting article was stated and modified to *“Any TIRZ supported by Neartown be subject to the TIRZ being restricted from changing or modifying any current or future zone/deed restrictions and Historic District Regulations”*.
 - The Civic Association Member vote was 10 for (9 members present + North Montrose absentee via email) and 0 against.
 - The general vote including all meeting attendees was 20 for and 0 against.
 - Item 2 – TIRZ Option Selection:
Option A, to create an Independent Montrose TIRZ, received a unanimous vote from both the Civic Associations Members and the general attendees.
 - The Civic Association Member vote was 10 (9 present + 1 absentee) for Option A, Independent Montrose TIRZ
 - The general vote including all meeting attendees was 20 for Option A
 - Options B - Montrose Annexed into Midtown TIRZ and C - No TIRZ for Montrose received no votes

4). Other

- Council Member Ellen Cohen’s June 8 TIRZ Meeting for Civic Club Presidents and Business Leaders was discussed. This will be the time to find out where business leaders and the City of Houston currently stand on a Montrose TIRZ and steps forward with the City. Any Civic

Association president who did not receive an invitation to CM Cohen's meeting should contact Greg, or CM Cohen's office directly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Originated by,

Julie Young

Secretary