

Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

7:03 meeting called to order by Greg

1). Introductions

2). Montrose TIRZ – Status and Issues

Greg gave an update on the Montrose TIRZ. There has been no movement or activity; there has never been a board meeting; two board members have left. Sherry Weesner has been nominated to serve as chair, with a letter of support from Neartown; there has been no acknowledgement of this recommendation. The Mayor has expressed misgivings about TIRZ. There was discussion about writing a letter to request status - Greg & Kay will do this

3). Neartown Officers 2017 –

Greg would like a nominating committee, to come up with a list of candidates, and requested volunteers. Sylvia Drew said she would help (but not head up) the committee. Lloyd suggested e-mailing presidents of neighborhood associations and asking them to suggest candidates.

4). Other –

- SNA Meeting Review and Update

Kay reported on the October Super Neighborhood Alliance meeting. Two resolutions (see attachments) were voted on and passed by those attending the meeting. One resolution raises an objection to a proposed change to the off-street parking ordinance that would give the Planning Director limited administrative authority to modify the parking requirements in certain circumstances. The second resolution recommends that the new Bike Plan follow an amendment process similar to the Major Freeway and Thoroughfare Plan, allowing for public engagement and input.

CM Amanda Edwards also appeared (as she did last month at the NTA meeting) to ask for citizen participation in the Plan Houston survey, which is open through Nov 25th.

Greg handed out a “Plan Houston” survey card, which we gives info on how to go online and fill out the survey.

- Park 424 Westheimer Update – <http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/latestnews-closedrepair.html#Latest> with plat <https://www.dropbox.com/s/bwyoqbrgr5x9z5/Avondale%20Promenade%20Park%2010%202016%20Grant%20Submittal.pdf?dl=0>

Greg updated us on the planned park at 424 Westheimer. He likes the way the City has handled it, involving neighborhoods, getting a \$1 million grant from the state, and moving quickly to get it built.

- Holiday Schedule –

Sylvia Drew moved that we not hold a December meeting, Steve Longmire seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

- Voting – Early voting Oct 24–Nov 4, Election day voting Nov 8
- Carolyn passed out info on Covenant House’s upcoming Candlelight Vigil. Covenant is accepting contributions of toiletries, warm clothing for the kids.
- Steve updated us on positive changes in KUShtown

7:55 adjourned by Greg

Neartown Association Attendance List

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