

Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

11 in attendance

Called to order 7:02 by Greg

Introductions

>Sunrise Luxury Living had two representatives, Jim Hinton and Ken Hauser, there to tell us about the 8-story, 224-unit apartment building going up on Montrose & W Clay (<http://www.sunriseluxuryliving.com/sunrise-montrose-apartments-coming-2015/>).

This is the site of the beloved 1308 el Tiempo Cantina, and includes their parking lot, a couple of rental houses in the rear, and the tire store to the south. U-Plumb It will not be torn down. Sunrise has also built Sunrise by the Park on Birdsall near Bayou Bend, a 3-story building near Briar Forest & Highway 6, plus many others around the country.

Jim Hinton is from Houston, and they are using all local architects, contractors, etc. The first three floors will be parking. There will be 6' wide sidewalks in front, and some landscaping. Entrances to the parking garage will be off Montrose and off Marconi. It will have "the Montrose style" look, meaning brick and stucco and metal and wood, and will have an "S" shape, to maximize views. There will be a pet area complete with a dog wash. It will be a very upscale project. They have not requested any variances, and will build within the existing regulations. They do not have a firm start date, most likely it will be at the end of this year, and will take 22 months to complete.

Steve Longmire brought up problems & suggestions after First Montrose Commons' experience with the Post 510 which was built in his neighborhood. There were also questions regarding security and the target market for residents.

>Directors' & Officers' Insurance

Not much new info, so we will drum some up and revisit this next month.

>CIP update

Steve got, after being on the wait list for 15 long years, their storm drains finally on the list to be done

>Write to the Texas legislature re the bill, which has no number yet?

>Monthly meeting on Walkable Places

Greg attended and gave an update. The committee is expected to take a year to complete its work. They are looking at existing rules & conditions and considering modifications to development ordinances.

Steve mentioned there are new ADA requirements related to sidewalks.

>Greg has distributed a request from the city for updated info on the civic associations. Jack Valinski says that the Department of Neighborhoods is now responsible for maintaining this information. He mentioned that, when Public Works or Planning does something, they want to be able to e-mail the info to our civic associations, to be disseminated to the members. Send completed forms to civicclubs@houstontx.gov.

>Steve talked about a presenter from the Houston Permitting Center who will talk (with slide show) to civic clubs about new requirements for permits. Now you need a permit to do any kind of electrical, plumbing, or HVAC work. Contact Mark McAvoy, Senior Assistant Director, Building Code Enforcement, rmcacd@houstontx.gov

>Julie Young mentioned the East Montrose Home Tour, April 22, Saturday.

>Vermont Commons is having a speaker from Interfaith Ministries who will talk about refugees in Houston. March 13, 7:00 pm, at 1952 W. Gray inside the bar Local Pour. She also mentioned the 30-story apartment building coming to that shopping center, where Café Ginger is also located now, . Vermont Commons is trying to figure out if there is anything they can do to preserve the beautiful Art Deco building and shopping center, which will be partially demolished for the apartment tower.

>Officer Wayne Pate told about the Active Shooter presentation at the upcoming Central PIP meeting, March 14. He also mentioned the two HPD officers who were shot today, apprehending some thieves, The City Wide PIP meeting next month will be about Human Trafficking

>Steve told about the blood drive at HSPVA in April, 9:00-3:00.

Adjourn 8:05 by Greg

By,

Julie Young

Secretary

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