



**Museum Park Super Neighborhood (MPSN) Council
Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2024, 5:30 p.m. – Location: Zoom**

Call to Order

MPSN Council President O'Reilly convened the virtual meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll call appears below.

HPD Report (absent)

- No report.

President's Report – Kathleen O'Reilly

- A variance request on Arbor Street has been filed. The City would no longer have access to the right of way. COH is meeting with the Planning Department to form a position.
- Traffic Calming project. Two years in the works and now the mayor has put a hold on the project. District D is making a presentation next week to try to move this project forward.
- MPSN has submitted an application to the City of Houston for two grants totaling \$12,000. MPSN should know something by January 6, 2024.

VP Report – Kyle Wolfe

- Hermann Park is experiencing an increase in criminal activity among the unhoused and those with psychiatric problems. They have met with park partner organizations in the area. Coalition for the Homeless did an assessment of the situation and they are working on a solution.
- Multi-modal Transportation. It looks good for Hermann Park Conservancy to receive a grant to create a granite trail connecting Sunset, Crawford, and Caroline extending to the Bayou. The trail would create separate pedestrian and bike trails.

Secretary-Treasurer Report – Bill Powell (absent)

Stakeholder Reports

MPNA – Sandy Stevens (absent)

- No report.

Museum Park Security Alliance (absent)

- No report.

Museum Park Business Alliance (absent)

- No report.

New Business

Election of Officers

- Due to lack of quorum, MPSN will contact council members to vote by email. There was also a request for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations.

Survey on Traffic and Pedestrian Issues

- Nat Treadway proposed a survey to understand citizen preferences regarding traffic calming and sideways. A new survey could refresh the Livable Center Study which is now nine years old. Potential questions could focus on sidewalk widths, traffic calming islands, pedestrian safety. A survey could solicit responses from people who live in or visit the area. Approximately 3,800 people live in the area. MPNA has a 500-person mailing list. The Children's Museum may be willing to contact the 9,000 people in its mailing list. The decision was to hold off on this project.

Short Term Rentals

- Short-term rental units are a topic before the City Council. District D has the highest percentage of short-term rental units in the city. Museum Park Super Neighborhood is watching this issue.

Announcements

Kyle Wolfe – Hermann Park

- Hermann Park is excited to welcome the Great Elephant Migration art exhibit in April.

Closing Remarks

Meeting dates: January 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Motion to adjourned made by Kyle Wolfe. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call: MPSN Council Delegates and Alternates

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen O'Reilly, President, Residents Delegate 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Business Alliance Delegate 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Health Care Facilities Delegate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Wolfe, Vice President, Hermann Park Conservancy Delegate 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rayanne Darensbourg, Museum & Cultural Institutions Delegate 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Health Care Facilities Alternate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> William Powell, Secretary / Treasurer, Residents Delegate 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Yeatts, Museum & Cultural Institutions Delegate 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ashlee Ross, Faith-based Institutions Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandra Stevens, Residents Delegate 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Monica Rhodes, South Main Alliance Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Wilson, Faith-based Institutions Alternate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Frank, Residents Delegate 4 (High Rise) | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Young, South Main Alliance Alternate | <input type="checkbox"/> Tonia Labbe, Education Delegate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Mahaffey, Condo / High Rise Alternate | <input type="checkbox"/> Claudia deVasco, Miller Outdoor Theatre Delegate | <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Luna, Education Alternate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Granger, Business Alliance Delegate 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cara Lambright, Hermann Park Conservancy Alternate | |

Guests and Others Attending

Nat Treadway, Cathy Ehlinger, Kemberlie Spivey (HCC)