

# **MPNA General Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 06, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via Crowdcast. 30+ participants registered.

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

### President's Report: Sandy Stevens

• Introduction by **Cynthia Tang** and **Sandy Stevens**. Houston Police Department: South Central Station's Sgt. Christopher (Chris) Weiche and Commander Caroleta Johnson

- Crime stats Dec 2020 compared to Dec 2019. Overall, down 35% for Museum Park (does include Med Center and a part of Midtown)
- Almeda (general): Focus is on code inspection (health and occupancy). Venues are generally up to code. Number of calls to HPD has also been a focus that has been discussed with venue Owners. HPD has had some overtime funds that has allowed them to focus on some of these issues and they will continue to do so. HPD is partnering with Precinct 7 and Park Houston. Focus is also between Thursday and Sunday.
- Almeda (noise): Sound meters on sites are being monitored for noise ordinance violations. Intermittent patron pedestrian and vehicle noise is difficult to enforce unless the offenders are caught in the act. Continue to call in complaints.
- Almeda (parking): Parking citations are being issued and Owners are cautioning patrons not to park illegally.

#### MPSN Report: Ruth Ann Skaff

- Contributed dog treats to HPD SC drive
- New bylaws for 2020 allowing greater stakeholder participation
- Continue to work with HPD and Parking Management
- Continue to work with South Central Management district for tree maintenance
- Jan 13 meeting topic: Coalition for Homeless
- Goals for this year: Secure funds for the Caroline Promenade and Culture Trail; Create a Maintenance Endowment fund; Revitalize security partnership local organizations, including museums, hospital, schools, Harris County Constables, etc.

#### **Secretary's Report: Greg Quintero**

2020 Minutes posted to MPNA website

### Treasurer's Report / Green Team Report: Cynthia Tang

- Financial report: Posted online. \$31,650 in the bank.
- Green Team Report:
  - Southmore (between Jackson and Almeda esplanade landscaping project beginning in January beginning with tree pruning, fertilization followed by soil preparation before installation of end caps.

#### Parliamentarian: Bill Powell

• (no report)

### **Committee Reports**

- 1. Preservation: Lynn Dahlberg
  - (no report)
- 2. Membership: Louis Selig
  - (no report)
- 3. Community Engagement: Cindy Woods / Cathy Ehlinger
  - (no report)
- 4. Quality of Life: Kim Mickelson
  - (no report)
- 5. Safety & Security: Deirdre Barrett
  - Online poll greatest concern is theft (such as packages & bikes), followed by personal safety
  - Direction moving forward will be driven by a survey. Roll out in the next few days via email. Report likely for March meeting.

### **Announcements: Sandy Stevens**

• Next Meeting February 3

### Adjournment

Time: 6:49 pm

## End of Notes by Greg Quintero

The notes above represent the Author's understanding of the meeting discussion. Please provide any comments or corrections to the Author within 5 days of distribution of these minutes, otherwise the notes will remain as a factual recordation of the discussion.