

# Neartown Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

- Called to order 7:07pm
- 26 in attendance
  
- Important business
  - expansion of METRO Rail on Richmond line. Christoph Steeler and Kay Warhol of RichmondRail.org presented a resolution of support, (with visual aid of a nice (costly) full-color booklet) for design features that the organization thinks will make the rail neighborhood- and pedestrian-friendly.
  - It was voted unanimously that Neartown would support this resolution.
  - The organization will next try to get support from City Council and other "bosses," and then go to METRO and ask them to implement their ideas.
- Emilie Brasswell of Blue Print Houston told about this week's ULI panel working on a useage and design for the intersection of Montrose & Westheimer, which will be presented to the public on Thursday evening, 6:00-9:00pm, at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.
- David showed a lot of maps of current land use, building footprints, utilities, and effected civic associations.
- East Montrose having problems with the faux church Ecclesia, 2115 Taft, which is operating without proper permits, adequate parking, and other required essentials, and also causing parking problems and lots of excessive noise issues. Presented by Alex Farinas and Bob Farquharson of EMCA.
- William Tanager, a developer is redeveloping a property (meaning, tearing down an existing home) to put up 8 3-story townhomes on a shared driveway and accessing a public alley, which will require a Request for Variance.
- There was much interest in this topic, but not enough time to discuss it, so people continued talking outside after the meeting.
- Julie Young invited everyone to the EMCA Home Tour & Art Walk Saturday, May 2, 10:00-4:00.
- Mark Johnson will be mailing out Neartown membership renewals.
- Adjourn 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Young, Secretary