

Neartown Association Meeting Minutes—June 23, 2015

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

16 In attendance

Called to order by Greg at 7:07

1). Introductions –

2). Super Neighborhood Alliance – June 8 Meeting Update Kay Warhol

Web:<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8x65uzfa9722i1h/Super%20Neighborhood%20Alliance%20Meeting%20Minutes%20June%208%202015.docx?dl=0>

- Discussion from meeting on remarks made by CM C. O. Bradford at the Alliance meeting on the history of Super Neighborhoods and how they have never fulfilled their original potential of helping to direct the COH in addressing needs of the communities. SNs have never been allowed to direct COH planning and initiatives in a formal way as originally envisioned. One SN mentioned that they had worked with their City Council Member to get part of the council district's \$1mm service funds.
- Discussions and voting on the COH budgets at the next Tuesday and Wednesday (6/16-17) COH Council meetings
- SNs are requested to give feedback to the Alliance on any activities they engage in to show appreciation for the good work of Houston's first responders.
- FEMA staff made presentation on assistance they can offer in response to recent flooding.

3). Montrose TIRZ– Greg discussed highlights of the recent TIRZ meeting

- Overview of Council Member Ellen Cohen's June 8, 2015 TIRZ Meeting for Civic Club Presidents and Business Leaders—
 - 1) Delayed timeline of potential Montrose TIRZ creation into 2016
 - 2) Competition within the City of Houston for the limited available TIRZ , due to the 25% restriction (a max of 25% of COH taxable property value can be in a TIRZ)
 - 3) Undefined "Weighted System" and changing Matrix for TIRZ selection

Web link to meeting handouts:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/il1gvxsbk1ry0s8/Cohen%20TIRZ%20Meeting%205%209%202015%20Handouts.pdf?dl=0>

- Follow-up Planning Meeting to Ellen's June 8th meeting on June 15.
 - Planning to overcome the delayed timing of a possible Montrose TIRZ that was presented in Ellen Cohen's June 8th Meeting. Disappointment voiced with the COH for their changing the timeline by proposing a delay into 2016 and an undefined rating matrix for competing entities for new TIRZ formation, TIRZ Annexation and TIRZ extension.
- Montrose TIRZ Steps forward— Discussion on:
 - First Draft of Montrose Project Plan to be presented to the COH by Montrose task force
 - Address Political and Press issues.
 - Montrose TIRZ white paper to be put together.
 - Press the COH for info on fixed weighting of specific TIRZ items used in TIRZ selection.
 - Possible candidate forum for upcoming elections.

4). Other

- Discussion re the proposal for Planning Commission to be able grant variance to 3' building setback and allow property owners to build right up to the property line with no maintenance easement required.
- Re “love” for the first responders, suggested inviting them to Neighborhood Night Out. Others suggested gifting them with food – specifically, cookies.
- Discussion on the proposed reclassification of Dunlavy & W. Alabama to 2-lane Major Collectors instead of the current 4-lane designation in the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP), which could give us a bike lane and get rid of the reverse lane. City Planning Dept. is holding public Open House on 6/25 on this and other proposed amendments to the MTFP; the Planning Commission Public Hearing is on 7/16. CORRECTION: City Planning clarified at the open house that changing the classification of W. Alabama to two through lanes would have no impact one way or the other on the reverse lane – that is a design matter for Public Works.

Amanda Edwards, candidate for City Council At Large arrived as meeting was ending and handed out campaign material.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Originated by,

Julie Young

Secretary

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