

Nearatown Association Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

President Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Introductions
2. Election Candidates: <http://harrisvoterinfo.com/harris-county-political-races>
 - Thomas Wang—Texas House District 147 (R)—Mr. Wang reviewed his election platform and priorities. He is unopposed in the Republican primary.
 - Note: The primary elections are March 6. Early voting is Feb 20 – Mar 2.
3. Pedestrian Safety – Increased Traffic Control in High Pedestrian Access Areas
Discussion on setting up meeting with Ellen Cohen and COH department representatives to discuss greater COH focus on pedestrian safety in vehicular traffic management. Civic associations are encouraged to identify special trouble spots in their neighborhoods to inform this discussion.
4. Ongoing Initiatives and Nearatown/Montrose Related Meetings
 - Montrose TIRZ Meeting—January 22, 2018 Overview, Announced upcoming Public Engagement Meeting on February 26th at St. Stephens, H-GAC Grant on Livable Centers Study to announce in February, Legal firm hired for TIRZ, Fairview Development request not undertaken since the property is outside the boundary of the TIRZ ...
 - Super Neighborhood Alliance Meeting – January 8, 2018, Mayor Turner attended and discussed his priorities for 2018: Harvey recovery, the Complete Communities initiative, housing Houston’s homeless, public safety (and the need for more police), the TxDOT freeway rebuilding projects, and addressing the anticipated budget shortfall (\$130M).
 - TXDOT North Houston Highway Improvement Project, 59 & Montrose Area – Update on discussions with bordering neighborhoods, [South Main Alliance hosted meeting on design of greenspace over rebuilt freeway at Main & Wheeler and Almeda](#)
 - Walkable Places – Update, COH changes in Walkable Places on municipal code for 42 building offset and 26 parking discussed. Public meeting expected soon.
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- Blue Line – Updates, Kay Warhol continuing discussions with Cas about letters of support. Montrose Management District – Update from Executive Director Ben Brewer on status of services due to injunction, upcoming hearing.
- Additional Initiatives—Request for attendees to recommend other initiatives for Neartown’s involvement

5. Other

- Annual Neartown Dues
- Jack Valinski reported on COH public meeting on proposed changes to regulations governing boarding homes, lodging facilities and alternate housing facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.