

# Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St

## 1. Introductions

2. I-69 PEL – Kay and Steve → Steve provided highlights of the final TxDOT Stakeholder meeting for Phase I of the study on the US 69 rebuild between Spur 527 and Beltway 8 South. The project manager from TxDOT consultant Walter P. Moore presented the regional growth forecasts and projections for traffic growth and congestion through 2040, then reviewed public input received during Phase I on corridor needs, goals, and preferred improvements. Steve noted that dedicated lanes for transit and large trucks – without expanding the freeway right-of-way – were high priorities expressed by stakeholders at the meeting. TxDOT now moves into Phase II of the PEL Study, which includes development of conceptual alternatives to address the needs and support the goals and will involve further public engagement. Phase II is expected to wrap up in 2020.

3. Walkable Places—Greg → Greg shared the September 19 Meeting Update of the status of re-writing COH ordinances 26(parking) and 42(building offset) for commercial building in designated Walkable Places areas. Walkable Places ordinance changes will be presented to the City Council in the first quarter of 2019. Midtown, Emancipation Avenue, and Near Northside will be pilot areas for the new ordinances. Additionally, it was announced that Market Based Parking (no parking requirements) is being implemented for Midtown. Greg noted that parts of Avondale – a historic district - are in the Midtown pilot area. It's expected that the historic preservation ordinance would be recognized as the "senior" ordinance. The community meeting for Midtown implementation is scheduled for October 17. (This has since been postponed to November 7.)

## 4. Other –

- I-45 Update – See attached reply I-45 Coalition Segment 3 beginning page 19 → Discussion of TXDOT reply to public comments.
- National Night Out Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- METRONext → Linda Trevino reported that the METRONext Board Workshop has been canceled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. In anticipation of the Board approving a draft plan soon, the staff is starting to schedule community meetings to gather public input. Discussion of possible dates for a Neartown meeting; Linda to coordinate with Kay and Steve.
- New Neartown Website – Kay → Site still in progress, expect launch in the very near future.
- Other
  - Sylvia reported that all HPD Storefronts are under review for possible closure. The Neartown Storefront is on property that has been sold for redevelopment.