

Nearatown Association Minutes

July 23, 2019

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St.

President Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 7:05.

1. Introductions- 20 people were in attendance; of which several were candidates for City Council, District C. Daphne Scarbrough, Greg Meyers, Shelley Kennedy, Abbie Kamin. Each spoke briefly about their candidacy.
2. Crime Stoppers of Houston—Delayed to latter meeting time.
3. Update on TIRZ 27 Special Board Meeting from July19 on Montrose Collective Project at Westheimer and Montrose. Discussion on plans that would alleviate some of Montrose parking problems:
Construction of a parking structure at the NE corner now housing the HPD storefront area and restaurants that would accommodate 589 parking spaces. The Montrose TIRZ is reviewing the offset of 50% of the 77 spaces being built above those required by the City of Houston.
4. City Council voted to expand the city's "market-based parking area" to cover portions of Midtown and East Downtown in addition to the existing Central Business District. MBP(no parking requirements) is an attempt to bring walkability to neighborhoods by encouraging visitors to arrive without their vehicles. Steve Longmire updated his experience with dealing with ongoing difficulties that Montrose Commons and other areas are experiencing and further expecting in line with the "market-based parking" development.
5. Metro Next Report: July 31 will be last board meeting to express public comments. Further updates and information are provided on their website: www.metronext.org
6. The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) approved transportation plan that include significant funding assistance for the I45 Section 2 Highway Improvement Program.
7. A reminder of the District C Candidate Forum hosted by Nearatown Association on October 16, 2019 at Montrose Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Recorded by Joellen Brayshaw