

Nearatown Association Minutes

September 24, 2019

Montrose Center, 401 Branard St.

**The entire meeting was devoted to a Special Forum on the METRONext Bond Election, Ballot Proposition A, taking place this November.**

President Greg LeGrande called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

1. 35 people were in attendance.
2. Greg introduced representatives from the METRO Board  
Carrin Patman, Board Chair  
Sanjay Ramabhadran  
Lex Frieden
3. Ms. Patman kicked off the meeting by providing historical data and statistics of the Houston Metro system. The first Metro Bond was passed by the voters of Houston in 2003. The city light rail system was created and was put in operation January 2004. This video link provides a history and details of the progress of Metro since 2003 and earlier.

<https://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/AboutMetro.aspx#>.

Ms. Patman proceeded in presenting material on Metro Now and MetroNext, stressing the necessity of passing this new Metro Bond proposal in November 2019, approving \$3.5B in bonding authority. The Metro board and staff have conducted extensive community outreach and research, formulating statistics, data, and modeling to support the METRONext Moving Forward Plan that will be funded in part by the bonds if approved. Detailed information can be found in these links.

<https://www.metronext.org/>

<https://www.metronext.org/election-materials#prop>.

4. Following Ms. Patman's presentation was a Q&A period. Mr. Ramabhadran and Mr. Frieden joined in providing answers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Recorded by Joellen Brayshaw