

## Neartown Association Minutes

April 23, 2019

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri St.

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

1. Introductions- 12 people in attendance; of which 3 were City Council candidates.  
Mary Jane Smith, District C, [mjsgroup@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjsgroup@sbcglobal.net)  
Georgia Provost, At Large Position 1, [gdprovost@hotmail.com](mailto:gdprovost@hotmail.com)  
Amanda Wolfe, District C, [wolfe.ak@gmail.com](mailto:wolfe.ak@gmail.com)  
Each spoke about their candidacy for a short time.
2. Montrose TIRZ 27 Update, Randy Mitchmore as per below:
  - Information on the history and creation of the TIRZ 27.
  - TIRZ 27 funding to date of approximately \$3mm.
  - The pilot study on trip hazard mitigation through sidewalk shaving was a success.
  - Even though the TIRZ focus is on major streets like Westheimer, W. Alabama, and Richmond, improving access to transit stops would allow some extension of TIRZ projects into neighborhood streets.
  - The affordable housing component of TIRZ 27 will be focused on rent subsidies. Reverend Lisa Hunt of St. Stephens is head of the committee to create innovative programs to assist and possibly provide rent subsidies
  - Much of the information Randy provided can be found at the TIRZ 27 website [www.montrosehtx.org](http://www.montrosehtx.org)
3. Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$5266
4. Super Neighborhood Alliance- Update of April 8 meeting- Kay Warhol  
Chief Resiliency Officer named- Marissa Aho.  
At Large Position 4 CM Amanda Edwards presented details of The City of Houston ("COH") responsibility to administer federal funds that are dedicated to the purpose of providing financial assistance to homeowners' whose primary residences were damaged during Hurricane Harvey.  
Further information on Ms. Aho can be found in the minutes for the April 8 meeting along with other update information presented at the meeting at:  
<https://www.houstontx.gov/superneighborhoods/alliance.html>
5. Neartown Houston City Council District C Candidate Forum – Greg LeGrande  
The Montrose Center, 401 Branard St., October 16, 7-9 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in rooms 106 and 107

6. Walkable Places Committee- Greg LeGrande  
Updates and meeting announcement for May 1. Details of this committee and its goals can be found at:  
[www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/committee\\_walkable-places.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/committee_walkable-places.html)
  
7. METRONext-Kay Warhol  
Metro is still encouraging and receiving comments at [www.metronext.org](http://www.metronext.org)  
Update on plans for light rail to Hobby.
  
8. Make I-45 Better Coalition- Greg LeGrande  
Fundraiser at St. Arnold's Brewery – April 30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Recorded by Joellen Brayshaw