

# Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019 – 7:00—8:15 PM

Cherryhurst Park Community Center, 1700 Missouri

1. Introductions—19 in attendance with 3 City Council and 1 Mayoral candidate.  
Abbie Kamin Represented by Matthew Hansel, Council District C  
Raj Salhotra Represented by Aaron Azios, Council District 1 at Large  
Tony Buzbee Represented by Elijah Guarca, Houston Mayor  
Bob Nowak, Council District C
  
2. Walkable Places Committee Update— Committee Member Greg LeGrande discussed the 2 ½ year ongoing Committee charged with modifying COH ordinances to facilitate Walkable Places. Recommended changes for identifying, designating and modifying COH ordinances 42 on building offsets, sidewalks, platting, vehicle access and building facades and 26 on parking in designated Walkable Places Areas. The Committee was also charged with modifying Houston’s current Major Transit Corridor Area(TOD) rules to enhance walkability for sidewalks and parking requirements. Mandatory Market Base Parking(no off-street parking requirements) is incorporated in certain area’s on and around Major Transit Corridor(TOD) Streets. Within Neartown/Montrose Richmond is currently designated as a TOD street subject to the new mandatory rules. The changes recommended by the Committee can be found in the Draft Presentation for June 11, 2019 located on the COH website: <http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Commissions/walkable-places-documents.html> . Those changes include vehicle access building offsets, sidewalk construction, building frontage and parking relationships in deemed Walkable Places Areas. Also, ordinance changes in major corridor areas for sidewalks roads and parking.
  
3. Other –
  - Neartown Houston City Council District C Candidate Forum October 16th — The Montrose Center from 7 to 9 PM on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in rooms 106 and 107 at 401 Branard Street.
  - The City of Houston Library System Budget shortfalls and repercussions were discussed that includes the weekend closing of the Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library, 4100 Montrose and the possible loss of State Accreditation for failure to acquire minimum new books.