

WASHINGTON AVENUE COALITION / MEMORIAL PARK SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 22 -- Minutes
March 16, 2017 MECA Auditorium - Dow School Building - 1900 Kane St. 6:30 - 8:30PM

I. Call to Order Officers, Paul, Steve, 13 in total

II. Introductions - Diane Mosier from Precinct One

III. Critical Issues

A. Report on Plan Downtown – Paul N. Wants help from neighborhoods to interrelate with downtown. April 27 is meeting. Asakura-Robinson, and Traffic Engineering Inc. are the two consultants. Review transportation and livable studies to have recommendations ready. Review at regular April meeting.

B. Report from nomination committee. Pass to next month

C. Planning department enforcement of the minimum parking requirements. – Jane, amendment to chap 26, grant exemptions up to 5 spaces, objections because no transparency, and generally isn't enforced. Planning dept sent investigator, Planning agreed that all businesses identified are not complying. Letter to go out this week advising businesses of same. Waiting to hear responses. Plan director now can grant exceptions, but must send notices to affected neighborhoods. Paul asks can department copy SN22 on any such letters sent out?

D. Precinct one, Diane Mosier representing Rodney Ellis who is new commissioner as of January, sending out reps to meet. Very interested in trails, and sidewalks close to schools, Harris County Flood Control, county community centers and wants to partner with city. Wants to know which neighborhoods are in precinct.

D. Discussion of state legislative items impacting neighborhoods – Jack V. budget cut backs are impacting.

E. The mayor's initiative on homelessness – link on web, chronically homeless to be temporary sheltered, looking for locations, allowing outside shelters. Looking for placing to feed, maybe in city parking lots. SNs need to be in contact with council members to coordinate. Up to 75 maybe allowed per location. Put something in place under TDOT overpasses to prevent return after they are removed. Plan to take to city council soon, ban tents, have a temporary location to put chronics until they can be solved. Following best practices from other cities. Many are unable to follow rules. Get housing then get clean. Important to get with the council member to check where these things are going to be put.

IV. Approval of Minutes from February, 2017. Motion to approve second and done.

V. Old Business:

A. Paul Nicosia: Status of reinstating the transportation committee – will have a kick off in the April meeting. Need to fill out civic club form from Jack V. to get contact info. Planning dept has GIS of civic clubs.

B. Mike VanDusen: SN22 Planning Council applications – see emails

C. Ad hoc reports – Magnolia Grove protesting liquor license of the House. Have documented incidents, and has support of Sarah Davis and TABC. Hearing looking good. Eye on next place – LaRue. Helps to keep record of every 911 call. Work with HPD. Get multiple people to call.

D. City Council Members and Departments updates

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements and Open Comments: Bike plan will come back to council for a vote on Wednesday, some council members concerned about funding. Bike Houston planning a demonstration.

VIII. Upcoming events of community interest: Sunday Streets in WAve in October, WOW to Heights.

IX. Adjourn 7:54PM