

# Neartown Association Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 23, 2009**

## **28 in attendance**

- meeting called to order by President David Robinson
- Introductions of everyone present
- The East Montrose Management District (#26) passed this past weekend.
- Claude gave a synopsis.
- Richmond Rail — Engineers are finishing designs and sending them in
- METRO has learned from mistakes on Main St. line so construction won't impact neighborhoods negatively for too long
- talk re stations, landscaping, easements, land takings, "green" design to save water, Menil's donating land, art, stake holders, St. Thomas involvement, conservancy, sidewalks, ADA, power lines
- stations at Montrose, Mandel, Shepherd (2)
- RR.org needs a design builder, and has lots to do
- between Main & Fannin will be the main transfer station
- Reginald Adams, Director of the Museum of Cultural Arts, Houston
- vision for what can happen in Montrose
- Neighborhood youth or volunteers designed everything he showed in his slides
- Art can be a tool for redevelopment
- Hubbard Financial Services on Montrose has a new mural installed by 20 classmates, that took many weeks to do.
- It's a tile mosaic, viewable at the California & Montrose
- It reflects Montroses's diversity
- Reginald showed slides of various mosaic installations in public places in Houston
- He encouraged us to look at walls, etc., and envision how they could be enhanced by the addition of art
- 21'x65' work here in Houston is the largest in Texas
- another one is 10'x120'
- [www.mocah.org](http://www.mocah.org) (713) 223—2787
- 33,500 cars a day drive down Montrose Boulevard
- Robert gave the PIP report

—Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Young Secretary