

Nearatown Meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 2014

18 in attendance

Meeting called to order by Greg LeGrande at 7:00 pm

1. State Rep. Sarah Davis spoke about the elections, particularly the constitutional amendment re-transportation involving money to build and maintain our state roads. The amendment would allow diverting ½ of the money bound for the state's rainy day fund to pay for these improvements \$1.8 billion
2. Treasurer's report by Mark Johnson with Nearatown \$7,756.52 balance.
3. Lloyd Matzner talked about the infrastructure subcommittee and Projects for Nearatown, such as CIPs. Handouts of ongoing projects were distributed.
4. Jason Ginsberg of the Montrose Management District gave a report on their security committee Cameras in parking lots, and general security information. Jason discussed the 8th annual Pub Crawl this Friday, Halloween.
5. Discussion re the Nearatown Business Alliance is considering updating / upgrading the "M", which everyone thinks is the gateway to Montrose, since it is located in Montrose, but the BA claims it is for the gateway to the Museum District, which is south of here.
6. Greg announced a Super Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP) meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) 6:30-8:00 pm at the downtown library, to teach guidelines for submissions. Projects of \$25,000 or less, come from the local civic clubs, but have to go through the Super Neighborhood. Jack Valinski can help with understanding the new process at jack.valinski@houstontx.gov (832) 393-5963.
7. Greg asked for people to be on the nominating committee, so we can come up with a slate of officers for 2015 by notification of email.
8. Carolyn Garrard discussed the November 20th open house at Covenant House, a candlelight vigil for homeless kids and an overnight cardboard box street sleep-in for Houston executives.
9. Julie Young mentioned that our renowned Montrose Skater Juan Carlos will judge a Halloween costume contest at Boheme Halloween night, to see who can look the most like him. He is also to be the Grand Marshal in the Houston Thanksgiving parade.
10. Sylvia Drew suggested we not hold a meeting in December, and everyone agreed. However, we will have a, albeit small, meeting in November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm by Greg.

Julie Young
Secretary