

# Nearatown Association Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Greg at 7:05 p.m.

**1). Introductions** – Welcome and introductions with 20 in attendance.

## **2).Montrose Area –**

**Montrose Special Parking Area – SPA Special Parking Application** – Tony Allender with Montrose Management District MMD. Tony Presented the Montrose SPA as presented to the Houston City Council Planning Commission on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Some Key Points were:

- The proposed area does not include all of the parking hot spots within Montrose with there being plans to expand after the initial area is underway.
- There will be no parking meters and the SPA will be only commercial off-street parking and will not deal with on street residential parking.
- We currently have 2000 commercial spaces with the current regulated requirement being 4500.

**TIRZ Special Task Force** -- Greg gave an update on the Mayor's take on it, generally favorable and working toward having an increased community involvement in TIRZ activity and plans.

### **Super Neighborhood Alliance meeting update**

- Department of Neighborhoods presented, offering "Coffee & Conversations" proposed for interactions with neighborhoods. Per Jack Valinski, advised to wait a few months before initiating request
- District C CIP meeting Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at West Gray Center, will also be televised on H. See city's home page for link to CIP page, meeting info and projects
- Super Neighborhood Action Plans (SNAP) – Super Neighborhood Alliance annual report due to Council by March 31<sup>st</sup>. SNA President has asked neighborhoods that are interested to submit a SNAP or intent to develop plan, so these can be included in report that she submits. Greg – will address monetary component and requirement for plans, need more guidance in order to develop plan and submit. No specific guidelines have been provided this year. Kay Warhol to spearhead working toward a Nearatown SNAP submittal.

**Neighborhood Associations Best Practices** – Steve Longmire to champion.

## **3). Other:**

**Voting Reminder**

**Dues Reminder**

**Proposed Westheimer & Taft painted crosswalk / art installation**

- Matt Brolier presented concept and explained
- Project would be to improve safety and also honor memory of hit and run victim Alex Hill
- Seeking underwriter to fund project and maintenance
- Asking for Neartown Association support to send to city council
- Attendees expressed concern over safety of such an art installation and about maintenance, cost of maintenance
- Members will vote on this at March meeting

The formal Neartown meeting was dismissed slightly after 8:15 p.m.

Initiated by

Julie Young

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