



**Museum Park Super Neighborhood (MPSN) Council  
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025, 5:30 p.m. Location: Zoom**

**Call to Order**

MPSN Council President O'Reilly convened the virtual meeting at 5:30 p.m. (Roll call appears below.)

**HPD Report – (Absent)** (No report.)

**President's Report – Kathleen O'Reilly**

- 1) Meeting is being recorded for the minutes; recording will be deleted upon minutes approval.
- 2) Museum Park Super Neighborhood received notice of provisional approval of \$7,000 Department of Neighborhoods (DON) grant, pending approval of bylaw revisions.
- 3) DON matching grant for \$5,000 is pending. MPSN has cared for over 200 trees in the neighborhood.
- 4) Both grants are to be used for the Museum Park Urban Forestry program, systematically providing care for the 450+ heritage trees in Museum Park. The Museum Park Urban Forest has been surveyed and inventoried so that urban forest needs are prioritized and funded on an annual basis. This includes the ongoing documentation of tree health to prioritize pruning, soil improvement, deep root feeding, disease and pest management, and identifying forest replacement needs as part of the Urban Forestry plan for Museum Park.
- 5) MPSN is talking with Midtown TIRZ to potentially partner on sidewalk and street improvements based on the H-GAC Museum Park Livable Center Study and Caroline Promenade report, both serving as Museum Park master planning guidance.
- 6) Traffic Calming Islands. The remaining construction of ten traffic calming systems has been approved by previous and current administrations but still on hold. These systems are based on findings from the Museum Park Livable Center Study, identifying high risk intersections in this destination district which is visited by over 8M people annually in the heart of Houston's Museum District. The pilot installation at Caroline and Rosedale has proven remarkably effective. Accidents at this location were quite serious with cars being overturned, frequently penetrating fences of the adjacent townhomes, cars landing at their walls, doors, windows. Not a single accident has occurred since installation of the traffic calming pilot; migratory and pollinator habitat have been created along with significant improvements of storm water management. Storm water is filtered to the subsurface through landscaped areas rather than contaminated storm water directly entering storm drains. Standing water at this intersection has been virtually eliminated.
- 7) Motion to approve the 2025 MPSN board slate by Sandy Stevens and seconded by Russ Frank. The slate was unanimously approved.
  - President – Kathleen O'Reilly
  - Vice President – Kyle Wolfe
  - Secretary-Treasurer – Bill Powell

## VP Report – Kyle Wolfe

- Hermann Park Mobility Improvements Presentation. This is a \$4 to \$4.5M capital improvement/ transportation project with the goal of separating pedestrian and bike paths in selected segments of Hermann Park for safer commuting, and for improved mobility at Park entrances including Crawford, Caroline, Sunset, as well as providing a safety buffer between the pedestrian trails and the golf course.

## Secretary-Treasurer Report – Bill Powell

- A motion was made by Russ Frank, seconded by Tania Labbe, to approve the October and December 2024 minutes. Minutes were approved and will be posted on the MPSN website.
- Origin Bank Balance is \$1,128.83 as of December 8, 2024.

## Stakeholder Reports

**MPNA – Sandy Stevens** (No report.)

**Museum Park Security Alliance – (Absent)** (No report.)

**Houston Museum District – Rayanne Darensbourg** (No report.)

**Museum Park Business Alliance – (Absent)** (No report.)

## Announcements

Rayanne Darensbourg – Short Term rentals update; Council Member Alcorn following up.

## Closing Remarks

Meeting dates: February 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

Motion to adjourn made by Sandy Stevens, seconded by Russ Frank. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## MPSN Council Delegates, Alternates, and Others in Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathleen O'Reilly – President Residents Delegate 1               | <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Granger, Business Alliance Delegate 1                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Cara Lambright, Hermann Park Conservancy Alternate        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Wolfe - Vice President, Hermann Park Conservancy Delegate 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Business Alliance Delegate 2                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Health Care Facilities Delegate                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Powell -Secretary/ Treasurer, Residents Delegate 2       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rayanne Darensbourg, Museum & Cultural Institutions Delegate 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, Health Care Facilities Alternate                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Stevens - Residents Delegate 3                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Yeatts, Museum & Cultural Institutions Delegate 2                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashlee Ross, Faith-based Institutions Delegate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Russ Frank, Residents Delegate 4 (High Rise)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Monica Rhodes, South Main Alliance Delegate                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Wilson, Faith-based Institutions Alternate           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terry Mahaffey, Condo /High Rise Alternate                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Young, South Main Alliance Alternate                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tonia Labbe, Education Delegate                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Levy, Houston Museum of Natural Science Delegate 1          | <input type="checkbox"/> Claudia deVasco, Miller Outdoor Theatre Delegate                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Christina Luna, Education Alternate                       |

Others in Attendance:

MPSN Technology and Communications - Nat Treadway; City of Houston Council Member District D - Carolyn Evans-Shabazz; District D Communications - Corey Glenn; City of Houston Council Member At Large Position 5 - Sallie Alcorn; METRO - Linda Trevino; Houston Community College (HCC) - Kimberlie Spivey