

MINUTES OF THE MAGNOLIA PARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 21, 2006

Members Present: Jay Adams Brad Korb
 Sam Asheghian Anthony Scuticchio
 Kurt Banks Edward T. Smith
 Ian Fagan Lori Tubert
 Sean C. Harkess

Staff Present: Jack Lynch, Sr. Redevelopment Project Manager
 Scott McGookin, Redevelopment Project Manager
 Tracy Steinkrueger, Assistant Planner

Absent: John Cottrell
 Ira Lippman
 Linda Kelman
 Sara Mendez
 Nancy Winogradow

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Announcements

Scott McGookin mentioned that the Taste of Downtown event along San Fernando Blvd. between Magnolia Blvd. and Olive Ave., put on by the Downtown P-BID was taking place tonight until 10:00 p.m. and encouraged all of the members to attend, if possible.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting of August 10, 2006 were approved, with a motion by Sam Asheghian; seconded by Jay Adams, motion carried 8-0-0.

Public Communication on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Linda Walmsley, a kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School, located in Magnolia Park, spoke to the Committee regarding a birthday celebration they were planning on October 27th in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's birthday. They had various celebrations every year and this year she thought it would be a good idea to use the empty kiosk next to Porto's Bakery to display various artworks from the students at the school, if this was acceptable to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the idea and suggested staff to look into whether there have been any rules or policies established regarding the kiosks. Mr. Korb suggested having the children work on posters for the upcoming Holiday in the Park event that would be taking place on Friday, November 17th, and these could also be displayed in the kiosk. Since the proposed use of the kiosk to honor Theodore Roosevelt's birthday was not agendaized, the Committee directed staff to add it to next month's agenda and they could vote on it at that time.

Reappointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee discussed the nominations of a new Chair and Vice Chair. Sam Asheghian made a motion to nominate Lori Tubert as the new Chair of the Committee, seconded by Anthony Scuticchio; motion carried 9-0-0. For Vice Chair, a motion was made by Ian Fagan to nominate Sam Asheghian, seconded by Jay Adams; motion carried 9-0-0.

Recommended Changes to Residentially Adjacent Commercial and Industrial (RACI) Ordinance

Tracy Steinkruger, Assistant Planner with the Planning Division, gave the Committee an overview of the Recommended Changes to Residentially Adjacent Commercial and Industrial (RACI) Ordinance and a comparison with the City noise ordinance. She explained that this involved both commercial and industrial property that was within 150 ft. of residential property. She indicated that the Planning Division was still considering modifications and that they may be returning to this committee with more finalized terms.

Update-Community Church Parking and Diagonal Parking

Scott McGookin informed the Committee that reconstruction of the church parking lot and the installation of diagonal parking would add an additional 56 parking spaces. Mr. McGookin indicated that the project timing was on track with an estimated completion date in early November 2006. . The Committee commented that parking continues to be one of their top priorities, and discussed whether they should recommend additional diagonal parking. Staff indicated that they were in discussion with LADWP to add more parking on LADWP property. Staff suggested the committee wait until those negotiations become more firmly developed before suggesting additional diagonal parking.

Update on Restaurant Information

Scott McGookin informed the Committee that a new eatery, "Urban Eats", which served a sit down "health conscious" cuisine, was going in on Magnolia Blvd where the old Chinese Restaurant called Chinese Today was located.

Update-LADWP Parking Lot

Scott McGookin discussed the two lots at Maple and Magnolia that was currently owned by LADWP and that City staff was currently designing the proposed parking lot with an estimated 44 spaces to this area and commencing negotiations with LADWP for a lease of the property. Mr. McGookin added that since the City already leased the lot across the street from this property, they were looking at combining both lease agreements into one. A question was raised about the length of the lease. Mr. McGookin replied that there was a possibility the lease could be 20 years; however this would also be part of the negotiation process.

Now that the P-BID was formed and could be used as part of the funding source, the City Council might consider contributing additional funding as well. Jack Lynch suggested that this item be postponed until the beginning of next year.

Update-P-BID

Scott McGookin informed the Committee that the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation would be presented before the City Council and once adopted; this would be the final process of establishing the Magnolia Park P-BID.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Holiday in the Park
- Further Discussion on the RACI Ordinance
- Discussion on Bike Safety
- Kiosks
- Marketing Update

Other Business

There was a question regarding the status of Starbuck's proposal. Mr. Lynch said that Starbuck's was pursuing other options at this point.

Public Communication on Non-Agenda Items

No public communication at this time.

The Committee will hold their next regular meeting on October 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.