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THCA Community Meeting

Location: St. Sophia's

Date | Time: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- Opening Comments
  - Planning a special election for board member, Karin Robinsantos has resigned
  - Alfonso indicates to sign up for newsletter online
  - Follow us on Social media
- Safe Officer Jesse
  - Provides an update for a few active areas in the neighborhood that the SAFE team is already aware of
  - Especially noteworthy is the information on St Mary's and Courtland -
    - This was an instance of an individual who was having mental health needs and firing into the ground at their property.
- Greg Avestus - Proposal of property adjacent to the church:
  - Looking to make a proposal to convert the empty lot adjacent to the church.
  - Gives 80 parking spots
  - Not a security guarded area, but security cameras.
  - Operational by way of an app (serviced for payment)
- State Rep Diego Bernal's Office
  - Not in attendance
- Council member Dr Sukh Carr - District 1
  - Colt Osborne was going to be in attendance, but not currently in attendance
  - Did arrive - Dr. Sukh Carr
  - Goals build from Schools, but the neighborhood around:
  - Cameron - Constituent Service Rep.
    - Flyers on the table - Contact Information, Budget Town Hall Info
  - Infrastructure directors x2 at that office
  - NSM and Ashby will be closed early on Saturday, completely closed for 5 hours.
  - Public Works Meeting
    - Signal pattern timing for the streets
  - Sequins Price, Colt Osborne
- District 1:
  - NSM Police Substation ongoing looking good
  - NSM Construction ongoing expected to finish August
  - Illegal dumping at 215 E Dewey in process to be taken care of
  - Homeless Concern
  - Vacant Property Fires

- Attendee suggested bringing up the Parking issues again, now that we are hitting the end of the St Mary's Construction
- Ricki gives an update on Historic District Coalition related to vacant buildings and the related codes (Historic & Buildings in General).
  - Departments are not set up to enforce on vacant building non-compliance
- Historic Committee:
  - 616/618 Wilmington Ave - Historic Landmark Recognition Request.
    - In the process with HDRC to be set as a Landmark Recognition
    - Attendee asks after what about the building renders it historically significant
      - Ricki - identifies that the duplex is architecturally significant, materials are historic, Frost banker married after working here. Letting it go will affect the character of the street
  - 717 East Euclid - Ricki is endeavoring to send to the Office of Historic Preservation to be declared historically significant
    - 1920's or earlier
    - Historically significant:
      - 1910
      - Integral part of that neighborhood.
  - Attendee notes the Deconstruction Ordinance protects this property and Zoning protects its residential context.
    - Ricki agrees and further elaborates on how the Deconstruction Ordinance protects the materials though not the house.
- Zoning Committee:
  - Koehler House - event venue utilizing the carriage house
    - Historic property to be used for weddings and events and things of that nature
    - Restaurant at the corner of the property accessible to the public
  - 530 E Courtland Pl - Commercially zoned, submitting to be an office
  - Next Pearl Hotel - Development
    - EV, Solar, Parking,
    - Idea is to engage with the Riverwalk and connect to the neighborhood.
    - Development of the end of Myrtle to connect back to the community and street / pedestrian area across the river.
  - 218 E Josephine - Pickleball court and food truck - Supported Rezoning request
  - 311 E Ashby - Commercial into a residential home - trying to work with them to come to a reasonable agreement for residences
  - 314 / 316 E McLane St - Looking to build some townhomes, gave suggestions on how to develop relationship towards the streetscape
  - A couple more projects may be coming for the intersection at McCollough and Euclid.
    - Still in preliminary stages, nothing requested as of yet.
  - Attendee asked about 2200 McCollough - former Call Center

- Applied for rezoning at the location, went through the City Council process and agreements for heights and sizes.
- Questions?
  - Route 35, Exit at Brooklyn, State Level Project
    - Notify TxDot.

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