

MHNA Annual Meeting on May 23, 2017 — MINUTES

INTRODUCTIONS BY MHNA PRESIDENT JOHN LATTA

- John Latta presented the agenda, and welcomed Mayor Terry Tornek, City Councilmember Andy Wilson, and City Council District Liaison Pam Thyret. He also thanked Paula Johnson for getting the new MHNA mini-website up and running, and encouraged everyone to regularly check the website and MHNA Facebook page to see what's going on.
- A word of remembrance for former MHNA VP Lucian Carter, and former Board member Joyce Kelly (in whose memory MHNA dedicated a bench at Allendale Branch Library).

PRESENTATION BY PASADENA POLICE LIEUTENANT MARK GOODMAN — ABOUT CRIME AND SAFETY

- Lt. Goodman encouraged everyone *not to hesitate* to call the Pasadena Police Department's non-emergency number — **(626) 744-4241** — anytime one sees or hears anything suspicious. Someone will answer 24/7. He emphasized that the best crime-fighting tool is residents getting in touch with the police. On that note, he made two more suggestions: please reach out to him about any issues of concern, even if they're not within Madison Heights, and log onto the Nextdoor website, which he periodically checks for discussions about crime and safety concerns.
- He spoke about crime statistics in Madison Heights: while most are comparable so far this year to the same period (January-April) in 2016, he also mentioned the apparent impacts of Prop 47 and AB109 on crime in all of Pasadena. He then listed what police are doing: directed patrols based on gathered intel (aka "intelligence-based policing"), putting more cars in high-visibility areas, undercover work, etc.
- He encouraged common-sense preventive measures, such as always locking your doors, yard gates and cars, and removing visible items from inside the car.
- In response to a resident question, Lt. Goodman confirmed that residential burglaries in the area are investigated for consistent M.O.'s, and that this has led to solving crimes and catching criminals.

PRESENTATION BY ROLLIN HOMER OF ARTCENTER — ABOUT THE SOUTH CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

- Rollin Homer described South Campus as currently "seven acres of disconnected buildings" bisected by the train tracks. The goal of the master plan is to tie the campus together and make it both walkable and integrated with the community. They took their design inspiration from four main sources: the old California Cycleway (which used to run through the Arroyo Seco), Harvard Yard, NYC's Highline, and the green, tree-lined streets of Pasadena. The general idea is to make most ground floors visually open with glass walls, and to add third-story elevated walkways connecting the buildings above the train, with a yard / quad near the middle of the campus that gently slopes from that level down to Raymond Avenue. A "cycleway" would meander through the campus at varying levels.
- While plans are still in flux as they receive more input from community members and City agencies, the proposal is for all of the outdoor open spaces to be open to the public during the day (approximately 8 am to 8 pm), with periodic closures for certain campus events / activities.
- Their current student body is 2,000, with plans to increase to 2,500. They currently have no student housing on the South Campus, but hope to provide about 1,500 beds. They're working out parking needs in order to ensure that students with cars can park on campus, while designing for limited car needs.
- One aspect of the proposal would be to make Raymond Ave (at least between Fillmore and Glenarm) more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly, with more trees and perhaps including green parklets. However, this would depend in large part on the City and some property owned by others.

- This is a 15-year plan, expected to be completed in two phases. A model of the proposal can be viewed in the 1111 Arroyo Parkway building, and a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be available for public review in June.

PRESENTATION BY MHNA BLOCK CAPTAIN CHAIRPERSON KELLEY HOLMES — ABOUT BLOCK CAPTAINS

- Kelley Holmes explained that the goal is for every block within MHNA to have a “Block Captain,” in order to create a network of neighbors that can represent the unique concerns of each block, since different areas have different issues. This will also help support neighborhood block watches. Pasadena Police Officer Sarah Presley will come talk with the block captains about neighborhood watches, and signs can be put up to alert passersby about neighborhood watches.
- Please sign up with Kelley to be your block’s captain! (Email via the MHNA website.)

A FEW WORDS FROM CITY COUNCILMEMBER ANDY WILSON

- Councilmember Wilson said it’s great that so many people participated in the recent election, with about 30% turnout (which is, unfortunately, exceptionally high for a city election). He’s excited and hopeful that people will stay active and involved. On that note, he thanked fellow citizens for raising their voices about the Kimpton proposal for the YWCA building, which City Council unanimously rejected.
- He commented on how great it is to have thriving institutions like ArtCenter and soon the Kaiser Medical School in our community.
- He spoke about crime, the intersection of crime and homelessness in the area, Measure H, and the challenges the City faces in balancing the budget.
- Wilson strongly encouraged people to stay involved and to get even more involved — come to City Council meetings, budget meetings, his weekly coffees at Pete’s (now on a summer schedule: 1st Thursday of each month, 7:30-9 am), and to please get in touch about any issues or concerns. Also, please come to the Summer Kickoff Community Meeting on Wednesday, May 31 at Caltech on the Beckman Lawn. Kids welcome (a children's craft table will be set up). The Pasadena Police Department's Mobile Command Post, Fire Department personnel and Pasadena Humane Society will be there at 5:30 pm and the meeting will start at 6:15 pm.

VOTE ON MHNA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, AND ON REVISED BYLAWS — ALL PASSED

- All are listed on the MHNA website