

## **(Corrected 3/3/2025) Minutes from MHA Meeting February 11, 2025**

Location: WineHaus, 1628 Park Place Avenue

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by MHA President Brian Hunt. A sign-in sheet for members was passed around for record (available to MHA residents upon request only). Emails of those who wished to be added to the neighborhood email list were requested on the sign-in sheets.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Jeri Jo Blackmon, Treasurer:**

- Dues income was \$11,200
- A payment of \$10,800 has already been sent to the printer in Korea for the MHA Book.
- An outstanding payment of \$10,800 is due in May.
- A preview of the 700 page book is available, with the final version expected soon. Books are still available to be purchased.
- Book sales: \$18000 sales
- Expenses incurred: \$27,990
- Layout costs: \$5600

#### **Elisa Rode, Newsletter:**

- A newsletter will be sent on March 1st.
- Neighborhood updates are shared via email and FaceBook.
- Send Elisa pictures of your pet if you would like to have them featured in the Newsletter

#### **Guest Speaker: Chad Edwards from Trinity Metro**

#### **TexRail Update and Background Information**

- Final design of a project is nearing completion, aiming for 100% by month's end.
- Ridership in the last year reached 7.8 million, a million-ride increase from the previous year.
- This represents a significant recovery from COVID-19's impact, with a million more rides each year over the past three years.
- The goal for this year is 8.4 million rides, indicating continued growth.
- Expansion plans include purchasing four new vehicles and expanding the maintenance facility to accommodate them.
- A \$295 million program encompassing track, station, and vehicle improvements.
- The budget allocates \$220 million for track and station development, \$65 million for new vehicles, and approximately \$10 million for the yard expansion and track enhancements.

- The project involves a 2-mile track with one station, utilizing existing rights-of-way.
- Three agreements need to be finalized with the Fort Worth and Western, Union Pacific railroad and Baylor Scott and White.
- Preliminary work has been done on the property owned by Baylor Scott & White, which includes former city streets.
- A portion of the property is needed for a station, with a plan to provide a partial parcel for development.
- The current focus is on facilitating the acquisition and subsequent development of the property.

#### -Urban Redevelopment Project

- A project focuses on vacating former streets to consolidate land for a station.
- The plan involves a single property for the station and another area for potential development.
- Future development is undetermined, with early discussions including apartments and condos, but details are subject to change.

#### -TexRail Station Development at Baylor

- Trinity Metro's role is limited to TexRail station construction and site preparation for Baylor.
- Baylor will independently develop the transit-oriented development, potentially through partnerships.
- Various development concepts exist for the property, based on a four-year-old proposal.

#### -Successful Grant Application: \$25 Million Awarded

- A previously unsuccessful RAISE grant application was resubmitted.
- The Biden administration's revised application process automatically qualified the project for round two.
- The application was successful, resulting in a \$25 million award. (The money is not in the bank, it can still be cut by the Trump administration).
- About \$10 million is still needed.
- The extension will provide Mistletoe Heights access to the airport and other cities.
- The project will create 4000+ jobs.
- Project agreements finalized in late February.
- Construction anticipated to begin in 2024, pending package returns.
- Revenue service (train operation) estimated no earlier than 2028.- Federal Railroad Administration rules require all crossings within a quarter-mile radius to be designated as quiet zones.
- The proximity of three crossings necessitates their designation as quiet zones due to noise concerns.

### **Spring Break Scheduling**

- Spring break traffic patterns will differ this year due to FWISD, Aledo ISD and Dallas ISD having different spring break weeks.
- The plan involves no-parking zones on streets north to Harrison.
- Resident parking placards will be emailed for those affected by the parking restrictions.
- Barricades will be used at the north end of Jerome to manage traffic flow.
- Electronic signage will be used to manage traffic.

### **Committee Budgets**

- Annual event budgets will be distributed, with the Easter egg hunt being the only event before the next meeting.
- Financial planning aims to avoid overspending and maintain sufficient reserves for committees.

### **Needed Volunteers:**

- Website updates with current information is needed. Samuel Rogers volunteered to be webmaster.
- Megan Gee volunteered to select the Yard of the Month and write a short article about the yard for the Newsletter.
- Volunteers are sought for advertising.

### **Neighborhood Cleanup**

- Cowtown cleanup is planned for March 29<sup>th</sup>. Brian wants a MH cleanup focusing on Rosedale and the berm area. More information will follow.
- Volunteers are needed to landscape the neighborhood sign perhaps add electrical/solar lighting.

### **Neighborhood Fundraiser Ideas, Graham Brizendine, VP:**

#### Successful Coffee Mug Fundraiser and Upcoming Events

- A coffee mug fundraiser successfully raised \$800.
- Future fundraising plans include t-shirts, more coffee mugs, canvas shopping bags or a poster featuring iconic MHA home.

### **McClain Middle School Fundraiser**

- McClain Middle School band is going to a national competition this spring and needs over \$100,000 to attend.
- A motion by Tuyen Kamo was made for MHA to donate \$1000.00 for this cause.

-Discussion of the motion lasted a short while.

-It was noted the current bank balance is ~\$34,800.

-Tom Richey made a motion to amend the first motion to \$750.00 and a second was made by David Gunn. The Motion passed.

-It was suggested to put an article in the Newsletter regarding the trip and request for donations.

**Proposed changes to Bylaws and Email/FaceBook guidelines: Sabrina Ball and Kathy Jo Rogers**

-Sabrina Ball wanted the Bylaws to be changed to allow posting non-party Political emails to the neighborhood email and FaceBook (which have different rules).

-Kathy Jo Rogers wanted the Bylaws to be changed to allow announcements of a religious nature such as church concerts and Religious Book Study invitations.

-It was pointed out the Bylaws have not been updated in a very long time, but the MHA Bylaws do not detail the email and FaceBook guidelines.

-After much discussion it was decided to form one committee, one to address MHA Bylaw updates and one to address email and FaceBook guidelines.

-Claudia Camp made a motion to set up A Bylaws Committee, seconded by Phil Philpot.

-Sharon Weltman made a motion to amend the previous motion for one committee to include action on the Bylaws and the Communication Guidelines. A second was made by Patrick Sheridan. The motion carried.

-The committee will be setup by the MHA officers.

**Adjournment:**

The Motion to adjourn was made at 8:32 and seconded by Paul Blanton.