

2023.02.13 PTA Special Meeting

6:09 pm

Deanne called to order

Purpose

1st to be proactive

Too late for Inman Park

Advocacy organization / building community

No proposals regarding rezoning yet

Start the process

How do we feel about being part of Midtown

Publicize opinion

Allows up to open lines of communication to neighborhood organizations

Speak at APS meetings

Vote to approve position

Channels of communication with NO / board members / allow members to feel part of something

Form a task group = information to current/future families

Seth = agenda

Take a formal position = oppose mary lin taken out of midtown cluster

MR = Motion to Approve the Position to Opposing Any APS Action That Involves The Removal of Mary Lin Elementary From the Midtown Cluster

Sara Perlin = initial vote question = can't take vote on letter unless we approve the position

Why take the action = timeline moves very fast

Capacity numbers are released February 15

Capacity numbers move from 1700 to 1555

March 3 recommendations

April decide which solution is best

Allow us to communication with board

Late to the game last time

Scheduling meetings to coincide with the board meetings

Pari Ram = why is re-zoning bad?

PTA has 2 options

1. Statement of position = letter or
2. Resolution

Need time to adjust = how fast this decision is coming

Only 2 months to react

Sharon Haber = do we know if Spark / Morningside are also sending letters / join forces

Morningside not in danger / will follow up with Spark

Seth = voting on Motion to Approve the Position to Opposing Any APS Action That Involves The Removal of Mary Lin Elementary From the Midtown Cluster

Tim Smith 2nd the motion

Helen Pinkston-Pope = supporting keeping mary lin in midtown cluster

Continuity for kids / school / neighborhood

Deanne = breakdown in communication

4 requests to meet with board prior to inman being moved = ignored

Timing is important

Stacey White = take a position only = not on whether to send letter

Sarah Perlin = pta or neighborhood = both

Trying to keep everyone informed

Pari Ram = vote is premature = don't take a position

Voting for the motion

70 aye votes

2 no votes

2 Abstention votes

2nd vote do we want to act / when do we want to act?

Troy motion to send the edited letter immediately

2nd Christa Albright

Michelle Kotheimer = timing of letter = wait until we hear from APS on Wednesday

Sarah Perlin = wait until after February 15 letter for additional data

Stacey White = propose edits in chats = can't change tone

Claire Oates = focus on process / take out personal feelings

Put edits in chat so Troy can decide he wants to change motion with edits

No edits by Troy

Patrick = maybe not the perfect letter but stay united

Voting on the motion

35 Ayes

36 Nos

Abstain = not taken

New action = edit the letter now

Emily Jentes = motion to vote on the letter with the proposed edits

Holly Goldberg = 2nd

Emily's edits = vote

56 Ayes

5 Nos

0 Abstain

Motion carries = edited letter to be sent immediately

Deanne = need board members for PTA and members for nominating committee

Email

Adjourn 8:50 pm