

South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Board members present: Katy Briggs, Tony Cipolle, Jerome Chateau, Hannah Friel, Brad Klein & Scott Moss (Absent: James McLain, Rollie Olson & Rob Raike)

Others attending: Scott Engel, Joshua Howell, Bryan, Gretchen Seiger

Online: Catherine Schafer, Melanie, Jason Green, Michelle, Joshua/Brooke, Nathan, Brenda, Linda, Marilyn, Mike Rattle, Cathay, Fester, Drew Weis, Katy, Phil Qualy, and more.

Vote on approval of agenda and minutes of last meeting

- Motion, seconded to approve the agenda and June 21 minutes. Approved.

Update from Jason from Bryant Square Park

- Concert series was fantastic, good array of bands, some things to talk about for next year such as finding funds to pay bands, fewer concerts and more selective of bands. Also, we want to improve attendance by South Uptown neighbors.
- Transitioning to fall activities including movie in the park on September 3 "Spiderman: No Way Home".
- Special events this year: senior halloween party

NRP Plan modification, Scott Moss

- A proposal to reallocate \$187,252 from Strategy 3.1.5 Cycle of Life Housing to Strategy 11.1 Office & Staff/ Administration was presented during the June 21 meeting. The funds will help support the SUNA organization due to City funding cuts. The modification was promoted via social media and a flyer.
- Vote tonight 25 person yeah needed to approve:

Vote will be open until we get 25 non board members to vote online using a Google Form ballot. The link was pasted into the Zoom chat window. The vote tally was 32 with 30 in favor and 2 opposed. 27 of voters are non-Board Members.

Board of Director Nominations

- Annual Meeting is september 20th featuring Board Elections.
- There are 6 openings because 2 Current members are not running in the middle of their terms (James McLain & Rollie Olson).

Nominations included: Jerome Chateau, Tony Cipolle, Rob Raike, Gretchen Sieger, Phil Qualy & Mike Rattle.

Joyce Uptown foodshelf update from anna Vogt

- The food shelf is located at 3041 Fremont Ave S. Fundraising event for Harvest Walk for Hunger August 13th goal of 15k USD, monthly output went from 30k lbs to 50lbs. They are in need and need to raise money now in order to increase operations. Currently only

2 full time staff members. Looking for support and networking. They will be flyering in uptown and edina and linden hills. They have no boundary requirements.

Common Bond/ 1301 W. Lake St Project, Katie Anthony

- Commitment monthly meeting to provide updates.
- Affordable housing, income restricted housing proposed on the vacant lot. Current proposal 120 units, 6 stories, surface parking.
- First floor up in the air but not wanting retail, admin and community space preferred
- Long timeline for affordable housing. Submitted their first application requesting 2.3 million of total 45 million for project from Minneapolis Affordable Housing Trust Fund. 2.3 Million based on formulaic prescriptive city rules. Expecting to hear back in November.
- Next application to Main Street Grants from MPLS foundation and Henn Co in February.
- MPLS Subsidies (Section 8) vouchers. Studios 1 BR 2 BR and 3 Br.
- Rent range before vouchers: Qty 12 studios \$950 450sqft; Qty 58 1 br \$1000-1250; Qty 45 2 BR \$1250-1500 900 sqft; Qty 15 3 BR \$1400-1700 1200 sqft.
- Voucher mix: A handful at each level.

5th Precinct Crime Report, Lt. Michael Frye filling in for Katie Blackwell)

- Many neighbors have been reporting robberies, car Jackings, assaults and vandalism property crime
- Lt. Frye agreed the stats match the perception of increased crime. 90 carjackings in 2022 and 56 in 2019. Thefts and car jackings are statistically up. 850 in 2022.
- It's going to take time, stick together, document everything, make calls, make reports.
- Same amount of officers in the 5th precinct as the historic amount. Other officers from other places a possibility? Lateral hiring process is possible but MPD is fighting for a very few amount of candidates available nationwide.
- McDonalds parking lot in Uptown has been a problem this summer with groups gathering.
- Lt. Frye says MPD is doing their best but recognizes it is bad right now and hopes it will get better.
- Continued presence at Target? Target pays for off duty officers.
- Remove everything from your car, Don't be a victim. Make your car barren. Best advice MPD can give

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Katy Briggs

- Creating a DEI statement articulating where we stand
- Board members to email Katy on what that statement should include.

Seven Points/ Girard Avenue Bike Lane

- Original 7 points proposal had a bike lane along Girard (a private lane owned by 7 Points. however the city of MPLS had 7 points take the bike lane out because MPLS wants people to use the bike lane on Henn. instead of Girard. SUNA wants to write a letter to MPLS to push for a bike lane on Girard Land use and Transportation committee, Girard Avenue right of way for bikes up to the Greenway, rational coming from previous redesigns.

- Motion, seconded to support a letter to CM Chughtai requesting that the City revisit the possibility of a bike connection along Girard. Approved.

Treasurer's report, Scott Moss

- \$1800 USD from BSP Summer Concerts community fundraising
- Account balances: \$37,000; \$11,000 CDs
- Payroll and special projects are biggest expenses.
- Draft budget of 2023: Met with accountant to create tentative budget.
- \$7,000 increase for next year. More funding counted as revenue so expenses increase as well. Budget does not need a motion at this point. Next meeting will have full discussion on budget.
- Proposed income and expenses: Under 100k USd. Hovering around the same amount.
- Built in some increases for Bryant avenue reconstruction including Bike racks with branding, Utility box artistic wraps to pre-empt graffiti art. Built in some increases

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.