

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
August 20, 2019 Minutes

Attending: Ginny Buran, Jerome Chateau, Blue Delliquanti, Max Ellis, John Kostorous, Brad Klein, Jason Lord

Absent: Chris Finlay, Jordan Gaal

Introductions & Announcements, Max Ellis

- * The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.
- * Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda & Minutes

- * Motion, seconded to approve the proposed agenda and June 18 minutes. Approved.

Bryant Square Park Update: Jason Green

- * Farmstead Park is closing soon for renovation and Rec Plus kids will be relocated to BSP.
- * A new pool table has been donated to the park from an area resident.
- * Contact (612) 370-4907 or minneapolisparks.org for more information.

Garfield Parking Lots in Lyn Lake, Rebecca Parrell (CPED)

- The City of Minneapolis purchased properties and constructed the parking lot on Garfield Avenue, just north of Lake St., in 1999. Twenty years later Minneapolis would like to put the land up for sale to be filled in with a mixed-use development. Parrell is leading the process for the Community Planning & Economic Development department to gather community input and then draft a "Request for Proposals" describing what types of things could be built there. This could include housing, office, retail, parking, a plaza, etc.
- In late September the City will host a public meeting seeking input about desires for the property. They then expect to have an RFP ready by October.

September 17 South Uptown Annual Meeting, Max Ellis

- Ellis noted that nominations to serve on the South Uptown Board are accepted at both the August and September meetings. Jerome Chateau, Blue Delliquanti, Max Ellis, Jordan Gaal, Brad Klein, and John Kostouros were all nominated. Ginny Buran and Jason Lord decided not to run for another Board term.
- The annual meeting starts at 6:30PM on September 17 with a meal starting at 6:00PM. MPRB Superintendent Al Bangoura will be the featured speaker and there will be entertainment from the Theater of Public Policy.

Land Use & Transportation Committee, Jason Lord

- 3224 Girard Apartment: The Minneapolis Planning Commission approved the project on the consent agenda with no discussion on August 16. South Uptown's recommendation on the project was included in the staff report, but went unacknowledged. Yellow Tree Development plans to start the project in spring 2020.

Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, Scott Engel

- Home Loan Programs: Over the past year there has been little activity with the 1-10 Unit and Garage Improvement Loan Programs. So, the NR Committee is recommending that South Uptown put a pause on the program now to consider tweaks making the programs more appealing. This will allow the organization to avoid paying the \$5,000 administrative fee to the Center for Energy & Environment (CEE), which is due on September 1. Motion, seconded to temporarily pause the contract with CEE for home loan administrative services. Approved.
- Proposed NRP Plan Modification: The NR Committee is recommending a Plan Modification to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) action plan reallocating \$30,000 in home loan income to Strategy 11.1 Office & Staff. The funds will support South Uptown administrative expenses over the next two years. This item will be voted upon at the October South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Scott Engel/ Brad Klein

- * Financial reports were available through July 30 for review.
- * The Suds for South Uptown event at Lyn Lake Brewery was June 29, and it raised \$212 for South Uptown.
- * The Hennepin and Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser is October 10. Board Members were asked to sell tickets and volunteer during the event if available. The wine tasting is the largest fundraiser bringing in more than \$4,000 last year.
- * Engel presented the proposed fiscal year 2020 "unified" budget. It is different from previous years where the organization approved separate budgets for each account. The unified version shows the overall picture for the organization including sources of income and types of expenses. It will be revised based on comment and presented for approval during the September Annual Meeting.

Adjourn

- * The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Bryant Square Park Dolphin Project

- On September 13 the Board received an email vote request from the Livability & Engagement Committee to utilize NRP funds to install the concrete dolphin at BSP. Motion, Seconded to approve a contract with Mill City Concrete to install the dolphin per structural engineering requirements at a cost of \$8,100. 7 Yes (Buran, Chateau, Delliquanti, Ellis, Gaal, Klein, Lord), 2 No (Finlay, Kostouros). Approved.