

South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting
February 19, 2019
Draft Minutes

Attending: Jerome Chateau, Blue Delliquanti, Max Ellis, Chris Finlay, Jason Lord

Absent: Ginny Buran, Brad Klein, John Kostorous,

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM.

Introductions & Announcements

-Board members and attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda & Minutes

- Motion, seconded to approve the agenda and January 15 minutes,. Approved.

Bryant Square Park, Jason Green- Director

- The skating rink is open and has been well used this winter. BSP has skates available for free in the warming house room.
- Summer concerts will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and BSP will sponsor at least one outdoor movie.
- For more info contact (612) 370-4907 or minneapolisparks.org.

Joyce Uptown Food Shelf, Peter Aerndt

- The food shelf operates out of the home on the corner of W. 31st and Fremont and will celebrate 50 years in June. The service area extends from 35W, to 394, to Crosstown 62, to the western Minneapolis border. Food and cash donations are welcome and volunteer opportunities exist.

SW Minneapolis Parks Master Plan, Kelly Wilcox

- MPRB has been working for a year to create master plans for 40+ park properties in the southwest part of Minneapolis. They established a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to guide the process including surveys and input gathering events. Community feedback has resulted in the creation of two concepts for each park property, and community input will help narrow the options down to one master plan per park. The plan will guide park improvements over the next 20-30 years as funds become available.
- Wilcox presented two concepts for Bryant Square Park with each concept showing different park amenities. Highlights include options for the basketball court, amphitheater, ball field, skating rink, and parking lot. MPRB staff wants neighbors to provide written feedback via postcards at BSP or via the website. They also seek written feedback from South Uptown Neighborhood Association by the end of March. MPRB plans to finalize the master plans later this year.

South Uptown Board Vacancy, Max Ellis

- Sherri Davis moved out of the neighborhood and resigned as a Board Member earlier this month. Per the organization's bylaws, the Board will elect a replacement in March to fill out the remainder of the term through September. The organization is very interested in filling the slot with a neighbor who rents.

Converting to South Uptown, Scott Engel

- The City is covering the cost of legal services from Attorney Jessica Berkin to help the organization change the name and eventually convert to a 501-c3 nonprofit. Articles of Incorporation were filed in December and new bylaws approved in January. An application to the IRS to convert to 501-c3 status will be prepared soon.

Livability & Engagement Committee, Max Ellis

- The committee is moving forward with replacing neighborhood identification signs around South Uptown's perimeter. The South Uptown logo graphic will be used, and it is hoped to have the new signs up by late spring.
- The Chili Fest is Sunday, February 24 and features five varieties of chili. All proceeds benefit the Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.

Treasurer's Report, Scott Engel

- The CARAG Operations and Grants account reports were available through January 31 for review.
- Engel reported that the organization changed accounting software moving from Quicken to QuickBooks Online providing more sophisticated reports.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.