

South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting
January 15, 2019
Draft Minutes

Attending: Jerome Chateau, Blue Delliquanti, Max Ellis, John Kostouros, Jason Lord

Absent: Ginny Buran, Sherrie Davis, Chris Finlay, Brad Klein

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 November 20 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.

-For more info contact (612) 370-4907 or minneapolisparcs.org.

10th Ward City Council Update, City Council President Lisa Bender

-Bender reported that finishing touches along Hennepin Avenue will take place this spring including adding lighting, boulevard trees, traffic signals, and pavement markings/ striping. Attendees noted that they've noticed vehicles parked in the bike lane, which may change after bike lanes are marked.

-The City's Planning Department has begun the follow up to the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan. This will include the process of changing the zoning code to reflect policies specified in the 2040 plan. It could take years to fully codify such zoning changes because of the complexity and scope of the changes.

-Public Works has begun work on the city's 10-year Transportation Action Plan, which will develop a vision for the transportation network of the City. Public engagement will begin at the Community Connections Conference on February 2. Bender is especially interested in Minneapolis creating a transit vision for itself especially following approval of the 2040 plan that proposes increased density. She identified the possibility of Minneapolis contributing funds to support transit service because Metro Transit has limited resources and has a metro-wide scope.

Converting to South Uptown, John Kostouros

-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 after approval at the November 20 meeting.

-Draft Bylaws for the South Uptown organization were presented at the November 20 meeting for consideration at the January 15 meeting. The new document better meets current nonprofit standards, defines the role of Board and General members, and details voting and election procedures. Motion, seconded to approve the bylaws as presented. Approved.

Treasurer's Report, Scott Engel

- The CARAG Operations and Grants account reports were available through December 31 for review.

- Engel reported that the organization changed accounting software moving from Quicken to QuickBooks Online providing more sophisticated reports.

- The Hennepin and Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser was held on October 11 and it was a big success. It is the organization's largest source of "unrestricted" funding and raised close to \$4,500 for South Uptown.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.