



South Uptown Neighborhood Association (SUNA) Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2023

Attendees

- ★ Jenna Egan, Phil Qualy, Scott Engel, Rachel Starcher, Joel Chechik, Katy Briggs, Gretchen Sieger, Jerome Chateau, Hannah Friel

Agenda / Meeting Notes

Introductions and Announcements, Katy Briggs

- Welcome to Anna, Chris, and Lynee who are joining as community members
- Scott Moss needs to step down from the board due to personal reasons opening up a board seat for Vice President
- The Luminary skating event is scheduled on January 21st at Bryant Square Park.
- The board added new business agenda item at the beginning of every meeting

Approve Agenda & 11/15 Minutes, Katy Briggs (Vote)

- Motion to add agenda item: *Vote to elect SUNA Board Vice President.* Approved
- Motion to approve modified 1/17/23 agenda. Approved
- Motion to approve 11/15/22 minutes. Approved
- Motion to nominate and select Jerome Chateau as VP. Approved
 - Jerome Chateau is unanimously elected to the VP officer role

Community Forum - New/Old Business (Discussion)

- Inconsistent snow removal concern from neighbors
 - Aisha Chughtai will attend the February 21 meeting, will plan to discuss this more at that time

- No response from Graves regarding the Moxy Hotel HVAC letter that was sent by Phil Qualy on behalf of his adjacent neighbors.

Bryant Square Park, Jason Green (Update)

- January 21, 2023 is the Luminary skating event
 - Unlikely to have a skating option by Saturday, as there is too much water on the ice and snow is expected
- Katie proposes postponing the event since one of the goals is to utilize the park
- Scott and Jason will further discuss and make a decision by Wednesday 1/18

Common Bond/ 1301 W. Lake Street, Katie Anthony (Update)

- Common Bond has a contract to purchase the property at 1301 W. Lake Street from Seven Points
- There is a 120-unit affordable housing project planned, with space designated on the first floor (and potentially along the outer realm of the building) that will be open for use by the public and greater community
- The proposed vision for this space will be determined through a community centered engagement process which will include public meetings, focus groups and a Community Advisory Committee.
- CB hired a third party community engagement firm to do outreach (NEOO)
 - Will be organizing 4 public meetings, focus groups, and a community advisory committee
 - Looking for specific feedback about the first floor use, vision for that space that will benefit and engage the community and not just the residents
 - They are looking to recruit community-based individuals from voices that don't always get lifted up to the advisory group
- The Community Advisory Committee will meet six times starting in February through June 2023.
 - twice in February and then once a month through June.
 - Community Advisory Committee members will receive \$30 per meeting. Meals will also be provided for in-person meetings.
- If you are interested, please contact Jasmine Carey: Jasmine@neoopartners.com

Financing:

- Received a City of Minneapolis Affordable Housing Trust fund award of \$1M (partial award)
- Tax increment financing (TIF) - submitted an application for financing through the community planning and economic development committee. Would require City Council approval

DEI Statement, Rachel Starcher (Discussion)

Initial draft of DEI statement:

In South Uptown, everyone is welcome. Whether putting down roots, blossoming new generations, or ebbing and flowing like the water's edge on our lakeshores, our community's vibrancy stems from our neighbors.

- Priorities stemming from the Board Retreat:
 - "Everyone is welcome."
 - Welcoming, acknowledging, succinct
 - Consider importance of the lakes to our area
 - "Vibrant" fulfills our mission
 - Consider prevalence of renters, but remember "long-timers"
 - Acknowledge we are on native land? We are "stewards" of the land.
- Suggestion was offered to explicitly use the word diversity (e.g., our community's vibrancy stems from *the diversity of* our neighbors)
- Use active language (e.g., in South Uptown *we work to ensure* everyone is welcome, our community's vibrancy stems from *being* neighbors)
- Email Rachel with additional feedback
- Plan is to have a final version at the February meeting

Committee Updates (Updates)

Land Use and Transportation

- Councilmember Chughtai attended the December meeting
- There has been a lot of discussion about bus stops, pedestrian crossing across Hennepin, bike lanes, bump outs
- Aisha is very supportive but we have been unable to make any concrete progress on these issues

Livability and Engagement

- Most of the conversation was around the Luminary
- Bring back the Chili Fest event? Final decisions were tabled

Development Committee

- The annual Concert Series is currently being planned, and the committee is considering a fundraising campaign to coincide with it.

Treasurer's Report, Joel Chechik (Update and Votes)

- Contributions from GTMD are the only significant change
- Total assets are about \$67K

Bank signatories (Vote)

- With a new VP duly elected, the Board discusses and reaffirms which officials are authorized to manage the SUNA bank accounts at Trustone
- Motion to authorize Katy Briggs, Joel Checkick, and Jerome Chateau as signatories for the SUNA accounts at Trustone. Approved

990 Tax Form (Vote)

- Board will endorse the document and give authority to Joel to sign it
- Motion to endorse the tax form. Approved

MN Attorney General's Charitable Org Report (Vote)

- Motion to adopt the resolution and approve the content of the charitable organization report form. Approved

Proposed NRP Plan Modification (Vote)

- The Neighborhood Revitalization Program plan will reallocate \$8,100 from a dormant Pedestrian Improvements fund to three active programs managed by the Livability & Engagement Committee
 - The Boulevard Trees and Clean Neighborhood projects would each get \$1,500 with about \$5,100 moving to fund community building events and engagement activities.
- Motion to approve. Approved

Adjourn (Vote)

- Motion to adjourn. Approved

Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events

- Land Use & Transportation Committee: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 7:00PM
 - Livability & Engagement: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 6:30PM
 - South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 7:00PM
 - Development Committee: TBD
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