

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
January 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Brad Klein, Rollie Olson, Rob Raike, Scott Engel, Jerome Chateau, Katy Briggs, James McLain (Absent: Ashley Bredeson, Scott Moss)



1. **Call to order/Announcements**
 - a. **The online meeting** was called to order at 7:03 PM.
 - b. Motion to approve the agenda and November 17 minutes, seconded. motion passes
2. Jason Green- Bryant Square Park Updates
 - a. The Luminary Skating Party was a big hit with up to 400 attendees. Thank you to all the volunteers.
 - b. New, reduced park hours due to COVID spread.
 - c. A new park attendant named Summer was recently hired and will start soon.
 - d. **New programs include: youth indoor soccer: youth basketball & Tae Kwon Do/ self defense.**
 - i. **Looking for donations of ice skates for skate library.**
 - e. **jngreen@minneapolisparcs.org**
3. **At-Large** Park District Commissioner, Tom Olson
 - a. **Olson was not in attendance.**
4. 5th Police Precinct Inspector, Katie Blackwell
 - a. Blackwell discussed crime trends in the area with neighborhoods to the north experiencing a significant number of robberies and car-jackings. South Uptown had 4 robberies in the last two months, as well as many car thefts. MPD has been collaborating with nearby cities and prosecutors to deal with repeat offenders.
 - b. Opened up for questions. Neighbors were encouraged to report abandoned cars and vehicles without license plates. Painting your catalytic convertor may deter theirs because some junk dealers will not purchase them. The 5th Precinct only has one Crime Prevention Specialist right now, which is why South Uptown block leaders are not getting crime prevention emails.
5. Board Vacancy, Rob Raike (Update)
 - a. A Board vacancy was created when Dylan McMahon moved out of South Uptown, and the organization hopes to fill it during an upcoming meeting. The Board is especially interested in recruiting people of color, renters and women in order to better reflect the demographics of the neighborhood. email info@southuptown.org for more information.
6. Treasurer's Report, Scott Engel

- a. Engel presented a written finance report. Current balance is \$30,538 in the two checking accounts as of December 31, 2021.
- b. Give to the Max Day: South Uptown raised almost \$4,500 through the online event in November.
- c. Yearly City funding is starting to decrease, and the organization will need to find funds to plug the gap in order to maintain current capacity. Moss and Engel will review current income, spending and future funding levels to come up with a recommendation for an NRP Plan Modification. This may include accessing program income from repaid loans to help fund South Uptown administrative costs.
- d. 990 IRS Tax Form: Engel presented the 2020 form for review. Motion, seconded to approve the form and for Moss to sign it. Motion passes.
- e. MN Attorney General Charitable Organization Report: Engel presented the report for review. Motion, seconded to approve the required resolution: We, the undersigned, state and acknowledge that we are duly constituted officers of this organization, being the President and Treasurer, respectively; and that we execute this document on behalf of the organization pursuant to a resolution of the South Uptown Neighborhood Association Board of Directors adopted on the 18th day of January 2022; approving the contents of the document; and do hereby certify that the Board of Directors has assumed, and will continue to assume, responsibility for determining matters of policy; and have supervised, and will continue to supervise; the operations and finances of the organization. We further state that the information supplied is true, correct and complete to the best of our knowledge. Motion passes.

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded, motion passed. The Board of Directors then participated in a DEI discussion led by Briggs.