South Uptown Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Meeting- June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Attending: Ashley Bredeson, Scott Engel, Max Ellis, Brad Klein, Dylan McMahon, Olson, Justin Gardiner, Jerome Chateau, Rob Raike, Sophie Snow

- 1. Call to Order/Announcements- Max Ellis
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. It was held with most Board Members in person and neighbors attending using Zoom.
  - b. Justin Gardiner will be resigning in two weeks due to a move to
  - c. Board members each gave an introduction
  - d. Motion to approve the minutes from May's meeting, seconded, discussion, motion passes
- 2. Bryan Square Park- Jason Green
  - a. Concerts are returning to Bryant square park this Thursday at the amphitheater! Tuesdays & Thursdays through August
- 3. Painter Park Renovations- Andrew Schilling- MPRB
  - a. Approximate construction project: just over 800k and construction planned for 2022.
  - b. Identified stakeholders for project, with priority being Lyndale Neighborhood association, schools, and local businesses
  - c. Regular community meeting, pop-up events, surveys, and other meetings
  - d. Contact information: <u>aschilling@minneapolisparks.org</u> and https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park\_care\_\_improvements/park\_projects/current\_projects/painterpark-phase-1-improvements/
- 4. Side Chick- Jad Hark
  - a. Jad was not present for the call
- 5. 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Report- CP Lisa Bender
  - a. The state is investigating what happened with Winston Smith and will be releasing a report shortly. Lisa has been on-site to talk with businesses, residents, and community members.
  - b. City council is not in the chain of command for MPD; MPD reports to the mayor. As of today MPD is our solution to safety and security, but different solutions need to be explored
  - c. Balance of letting people protest and mourn but also protect streets
  - d. Public hearing on 6/16 regarding MPLS rescue plan
  - e. Community questions:
    - i. Safety is a new priority for the council and neighborhood associations, correlation with pandemic and job loss
    - ii. City council approved funding for 750 officers plus overtime. Council does not have control over this.
    - iii. "Why has the city allowed the protesters to take over the area?"
      - 1. Goal has been to support protesters rights, and that adding more police leads to more conflict
    - iv. "Protesting is a first amendment right, but sieging is not. What are you doing to open up the blocks and streets?"
      - 1. City approach has been to allow protests and not escalation, similar to what happened last summer
      - 2. Want to advocate and make sure people can grieve
    - v. Law Enforcement will not be allowing a long term barricade on Lake street



- vi. MPD was not a part of the operation involving Winston Smith
- vii. Archived newsletters are online and people are encouraged to sign up

## 6. Development Committee

- a. Strategic Plan update
  - i. Review of how the strategic plan was developed, methodology
  - ii. Three organizing principles: safety, equity, connection
    - 1. Safety:
      - a. Ensuring public safety
      - b. Halting racial and sexual harassment
      - c. Understanding impacts of protests and policing
    - 2. Equity
      - a. Expanding housing affordability
      - b. Increasing the diversity of residents
      - c. Promoting local and minority owned businesses
    - 3. Community
      - a. Increasing connectedness and communication
      - b. Improving parks and open space and hosting more events
      - c. Bridging the renter/homeowner divide
  - iii. Next steps:
    - 1. Working with full board on making priorities actionable
    - 2. Capacity evaluation
- 7. Land Use and Transportation committee- Jerome Chateau
  - a. Will be presenting resolution in support of street cafes
- 8. Grievance Policy
  - a. Grievance was presented to full board by Steve Taylor. The South Uptown Grievance policy was read and reviewed, and it was determined that the Grievance is not complete as address and phone number of complainant is missing. at the time the grievance is complete and accurate it will be reviewed by the board with a Grievance Panel recruited to review it.
- 9. Treasurers Report
  - a. April: \$21,231 in accounts, \$35,297 as of now, Current assets increase of \$1,856
  - b. Expenditure: \$4,915 in last month, money spent on flyering and gift cards
  - c. No news on the Hennepin county environmental grant
  - d. Bryant square park series launched a fundraiser on GiveMN for \$1,000. This is a an amount that will be matched by a generous donation to SUNA. This will improve the series and financially support the donors along with creating more activities to accompany the performances. This will go live next week
- 10. Adjourn
  - a. Self-guided garden tour coming up on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm, seconded, motion passes