



South Uptown Neighborhood Association (SUNA) Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2023

Board Attendees

- ★ Katy Briggs, Jerome Chateau, Jenna Egan, Phil Qualy, ~~Joel Chechik~~, Gretchen Sieger, Alex Bissen

Agenda / Meeting Notes

Introductions/ Announcements, Katy Briggs

- Welcome and introductions
- Many neighbors attended in person (>20) in addition to online attendees

Approve Agenda & 5/16 Minutes, Katy Briggs (Vote)

- Motion to approve 5/16/23 minutes. Approved
- Motion to approve 6/20/23 agenda. Approved

Community Forum, Katy Briggs (Discussion)

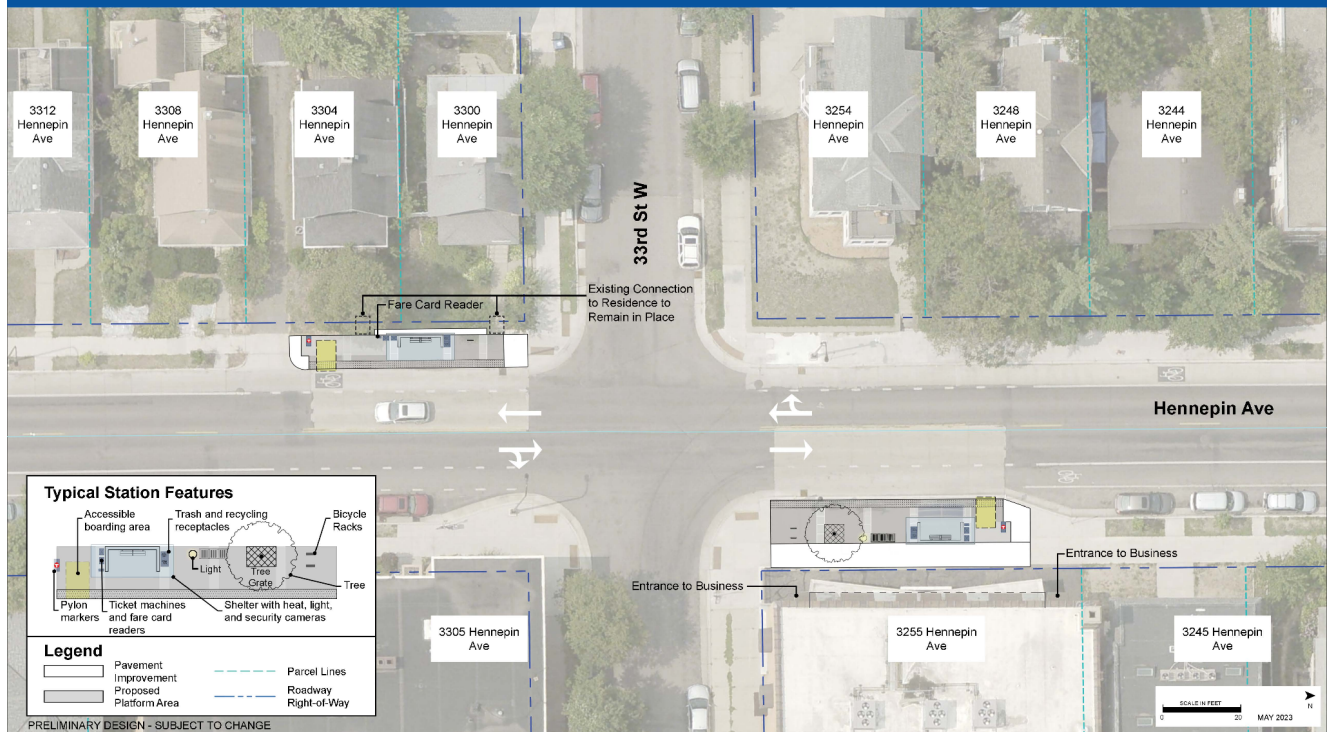
- Nancy would like to discuss the 2040 plan and lack of parking
- Phil wants to talk about the 2040 plan and the waiver of environmental impact review.
- Safety - Drug addicts coming down the alley. Can we have Hennepin County Health and Human Services assist?
- Hennepin Ave- cars are going very fast (in excess of 50mph)

Bryant Square Park, Jason Green (Update)

- Summer is in attendance on behalf of Jason tonight
- Lots of activity in the park, including flag football teams
- Ice cream social upcoming on August 16
- First two concerts went very well
 - 10 more concerts; next one is tomorrow night, 6/21
 - Encouraging SUNA Board Members to volunteer
- 3 summer camps taking place this summer - details on request
- Meal programs funded by MPS for kids 18 and younger

1301 W. Lake Street, Katie Anthony (Update)

- Now proceeding with advanced building design; would like to be on August agenda to present the design plans.
- NEEOO partners managing the community engagement process (public realm: streetscape and landscapes, shared/common areas) is wrapping up.
- Submitting 2 govt funded apps in July -
 - 1 city mpls funding; awarded 1M out of 2.3M – going back for the balance of the request
 - Would like to request a Letter of support from SUNA for the new award proposal
- We are not able to vote on a LOS tonight, but SUNA will be in touch. The next LU&T committee meeting is in August, so may need to conduct an offline vote in order to meet the submission deadline.
- Building mass will remain the same
 - 6 story building with ground floor space (mixed use), and surface-level parking
 - 120 units of housing
 - May be able to negotiate some additional parking space in the Seven Points ramp for additional spots.
- Phil mentioned design principles that some neighbors worked on that he wants the SUNA Board to approve.



- Erik and colleagues were in attendance to present the E-Line Rapid Bus stations planned at 33rd & 36th Streets along Hennepin Ave.
 - 13.3 miles University, 4th, Hennepin, France (former route 6)
 - 20% faster
 - R6 Will operate every 20 to 30 min
 - E-line will operate every 10 min
- The LU&T Committee is keen to ensure that the 33rd St. intersection gets a marked crosswalk as part of the project since there are no traffic control devices there.
- There is a mechanism to submit comments via their website:
 - Influence station amenities
 - Promote station designs
 - Influence sight lines and business visibility
 - Cannot change location, size, etc
- In prelim design phase (platforms, lighting, safety, accessibility, utilities, drainage)
- Construction impacts -2018 work already addressed anything on the other side of the curb line
- TBD which end of the line (or which segments) will start construction first
- Custom bike racks - metro transit is willing to work to find a place to transplant them
- Trees - would like to reduce the vast amount of concrete (60' L 12' W) near the bus stop at 36th

- Metro Transit recreates the existing "situation" - need to talk to the City about doing anything different
- Monitor the speed of buses?
 - 311 can request a speed study
- It isn't proven that striped or dedicated crosswalks help calm traffic and may give a false sense of security
- Next steps
 - Continue to engage community members
 - Survey extended to 7/10
 - Work with city, Hennepin county,
 - Begin construction in 2024 with a 2025 launch

3016-3024 Fremont, Evan Williams (Presentation)

- Representatives from Elliot Capital Group presented plans for a 6-story, 78-unit apartment building on 3 lots between 3016- 3024 Fremont ave S.
- Working with Christian Dean Architects
- Properties were specifically zoned
- Projects under the 2040 plans are moving forward; this is part of corridor 6 which was upzoned
- The site is across a common alley from the new common bonds project and replaces 3 former Single Family Homes
- Not requesting variances of conditional use permits
- Bike room with direct access to the exterior to the north
 - 1 bike spot for every tenant with additional spots for guests
 - 18 enclosed parking spaces
- Ground level - 2 walk up units with individual entrances
- Floors 3-6 have micro/1/2BD
- Micro units - smaller studio type unit
 - Ori microsystem (from Japan) is utilized for increased space efficiency. It is a built in mobile unit
- 80% have balconies
- Mix of brick (at base) and stucco (floors 2-5) with floor 6 being some kind of metal clad
- Houses being removed will have items salvaged
- 18 parking spots for 78 units- Assumption is that people will be young, single and without a car.
 - Similar conversation as with Common Bond (looking to rent additional space from the underutilized Seven Points parking garage)
 - The City has exempted the requirement for more parking spots
- Minimal shoring concerns anticipated- no basement so that will eliminate the risk of effects to foundations
 - Green roof plan (sedum-based tray system)

- Plans have been submitted (PDR and prelim land use application)
 - Not received feedback from City yet.
- Jerome suggest further breaking up the sight lines at the base of the building (sidewalk level) to blend in better with the nearby homes.
- Email comments to Jess Harner at Christian Dean Architects

South Uptown Committees, All (Update)

Development Committee

- No updates

Livability and Engagement

- Summer concert series kicked off and is going well.
- Garden Tour is June 24 & 26

Land Use & Transportation Committee

- The Committee toured the new 3333 Hennepin building at the last meeting.
- Phil would like the committee to review design guidelines for the "SE Uptown" area.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Rachel Starcher

- In last month's meeting the SUNA Board approved a contract with Allied Folk at an amount not to exceed \$1,500.
- We are hoping to finalize details of a contract with Allied Folk to consult on a renter focus group and continued DEI work with the Board. Rachel will work with them to nail down a project that is within budget.

Board Retreat in July, Katy Briggs (Discussion)

- Each July, we cancel the July neighborhood meeting in order to host a "Board Retreat". This gives the 9-member Board an opportunity to focus together on pressing issues for the organization in a non-public setting- all while sharing a meal.
- Potential topics include DEI, Housing Loan Program Future, Neighborhood Mergers and planning for the South Uptown Annual Meeting in September.
- Scott will send out a doodle poll to find a date!

Treasurer's Report, Joel Chechik

Bank Accounts & Financial Report (Update)

- Activity
 - Net revenue = \$4,430
- Financial position

- Total assets = \$64,282
- Budget v. Actual
 - Net operating revenue = -\$4,146
- Healthy accounts
- Slowly increasing revenue through fundraising
 - Using the concert series to sell merch
 - Paying each artist \$100 for the concert series
 - 10 of 12 concerts are sponsored
- Paid for treatment of Emerald Ash Borer (will last the next two years)
 - Also will work to plant new trees

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn. Approved

Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events

- Bryant Square Park Concert Select Tuesdays and Thursdays through August 3, 6:30PM at BSP
 - South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 7PM at 3501 Aldrich Ave S./ Zoom
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