

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
March 15th, 2022 Meeting Minutes



Attending: Ashley Bredeson, Scott Moss, Rob Raike, Scott Engel, James McLean, Katy Briggs, Tony Cipolle, Brad Klein, Rollie Olson

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 - i. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm
 - ii. Adjustment to agenda to move City Council report to the end to accommodate her schedule
 - iii. Motion to approve the agenda and minutes, seconded, motion passes
2. Bryant Square Park Updates- Jason Green
 - i. Summer is new front desk staff member. It will be staffed after school to 9pm
 - ii. Minneapolis strike day site. Activities are hosted for children
 1. Noon- 3 pm
 - iii. All the concert requests have been sent for the concerts this summer
 1. 70 bands applied to play- more than double last year's numbers
 - iv. Spring and summer program registration is open
 - v. New batting cage, pitching machine and soccer kickboards have been ordered
3. South Uptown Board Vacancies
 - i. Two vacancies. The board met and chose two applicants, Hannah Friel and Tony Cipolle to fill the positions. There was a total of 6 applicants.
 - ii. These absences were created in the middle of terms, so the board can appoint vacancies without an election. Sep. 2023 and this September are the term lengths for these positions
 - iii. Tony introduced himself and provided some background information
 - iv. Motion to approve the two new candidates, seconded, discussion, motion passes
4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Training
 - i. Yay votes from every member of the board, so we will be moving forward with Allied Folk for 3 total hours of consultation with them. This will include group coaching sessions and one on one trainings with Katy.
 - ii. Focus is to look at organization as a whole for DEI related decisions rather than a one-off training.
 - iii. Open to non-board committee chairs
 - iv. Discussion about \$1,000 line item for DEI training. This will likely be recommended for next year's budget and future years
5. Neighborhood Revitalization Committee
 - i. NRP recommended back in January that plan be modified.
 - ii. Public notice was made at February meeting. A month notice to the public is required before modification vote

- iii. Proposal to move about \$18,000 between programs
 - 1. Home security grants: Last Fall this was put on pause due to decrease in funding. \$9,500 is being recommended to move to this program
 - 2. Graffiti prevention program: \$9,000 is recommended to move here funding utility box wraps.
 - 3. Safety workshops: Recommending moving \$2,000 out of this into the home security grant program
 - 4. Block Club Activities fund: Moving funds to home security grants because this program has been inactive.
 - 5. Energy audit program: City of MPLS has duplicated this program, so these funds are being recommended to move
 - 6. Alley Beautification: Recommending moving \$9,000 of this to graffiti prevention and to fund artistic murals
 - iv. Motion to approve, seconded, discussion, motion passes
- 6. Treasurers Report
 - i. About \$35,000 in revenue and \$30,000 in expense thus far through the year. \$32,000 in 2 bank accounts
 - ii. Engel identified \$12,000 in possible budget cuts for next year in an effort to sustain the organization due to City funding cuts. Focus will also be on increased fundraising. Will review budget cuts in August 2022 for next fiscal year's budget
 - iii. Chili Fest: Took place last week of February and was a fundraiser for Joyce Uptown Food shelf. SUNA provided \$1,000 match. Online fundraiser promoted by Joyce raising about \$2,700. Many baby care items were donated for the supply drive
 - iv. Bryant Square Park request for funds: Will be utilized for special events and programs including summer concert series, back to school events, etc. \$1,500
 - 1. Discussion about past budget for this
 - 2. Motion to approve the request, seconded, discussion, motion passes
 - v. Center of Belonging Lease Amendment: Current lease does not include information about after-hours use of public space
 - 1. Proposing amendment to our lease- One free evening use of common room and twice in the private conference rooms per month. Vote postponed until we receive the new proposed amendment
- 7. City Council Report, Council Member Aisha Chughtai
 - i. Councilmember Chughtai introduced themselves and provided an update about their role and neighborhood updates
 - ii. Biweekly newsletter than can be accessed online

- iii. 311 is used to dictate needs so people are encouraged to call this number to drive needs and resources
 - iv. How to contact:
 - 1. Ward10@minneapolismn.gov
 - 2. 612-673-2210
 - v. Councilmember Chughtai answered questions
8. Adjourn
- i. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm, seconded, motion passes