

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
May 19, 2020 Minutes

Attending: Jerome Chateau, Blue Delli quanti, Max Ellis, Jordan Gaal, Justin Gardiner, John Kostouros, Brad Klein, Dylan McMahon, Sophie Snow

Call to Order & Introductions

- * The meeting was held using Zoom due to COVID19, and it was called to order at 7:04PM.
- * Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda & Minutes

- * Motion, seconded to approve the proposed agenda and April 21 meeting minutes.
Approved.

Bryant Square Park, Jason Green

- Green reported that the park building and restrooms will remain closed for at least the next few weeks. Most park programming is cancelled through the summer, but there may be a way to conduct sports this summer using social distancing techniques. The summer Rec Plus program has moved to Kenwood Park.
- More information is available at (612) 370-4907 or minneapolisparcs.org.

Bryant Ave Reconstruction, Liz Hayman, Trey Joiner, & Bev Warmka

- The City is planning to reconstruct 2.5 miles of Bryant Ave S. between Lake and 50th Streets in 2022 and 2023. It will replace the roadway, sidewalks, lighting, and utilities along the corridor.
- Public Works wants to improve conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders as part of the project. This includes replacing sidewalks, adding tree-lined boulevards, creating a low-stress bike facility nearby, and improving conditions for bus riders. However, the right of way is less than 60' due to encroachments leading to tradeoffs.
- Neighbors can provide input using a survey on the project website through June 1. Public Works will then develop concept street layouts this fall when additional community input will be sought.
- Meeting attendees asked about parking, the possibility of moving buses to Lyndale, ways to make the bike lanes more protected, and potential assessments. No decisions have been made, but all options will be considered.

Land Use & Transportation Committee, Aaron Rubenstein

- An architect from BKV recently contacted South Uptown about a possible mixed-use development at Girard & Lake adjacent to the Calhoun Square Parking Ramp. An unnamed developer purchased the site from Northpond, and they are tentatively scheduled to attend the June 3 LU&T meeting to discuss preliminary plans.
- 3501 Hennepin Project: Rubenstein described plans by Lander Group to construct a 74-unit, 3-5 story apartment building between 3501 and 3525 Hennepin. The LU&T Committee hosted multiple meetings and gathered input from neighbors in order to create a draft resolution. The project requires a conditional use permit for height; front, rear, and side yard setback variances; a parking variance; and rezoning from the City to proceed.
- Attendees discussed the draft resolution that opposes the rear setback variance and CUP, while expressing concern about other elements of the project particularly the

height and massing at the back of the site. Motion, seconded to remove language from the resolution about the tradeoff of preserving the 3501 building. Approved. Motion, Seconded to approve the resolution, as amended, along with correcting a few technical details. Approved.

COVID19 & South Uptown, Scott Engel

- Engel presented a draft resolution describing South Uptown's intention to conduct meetings and events online due to COVID19. It was recommended by the on-retainer attorney to ensure the organization meets nonprofit requirements. The resolution states that South Uptown will utilize online or conference call platforms to conduct meetings. He recommended revising the resolution as conditions change and as the September 15 Annual Meeting approaches. Motion, seconded to approve the resolution as presented. Approved.

Treasurer's Report, Brad Klein/ Scott Engel

- * The financial report through April was available for review.
- * Artist Sharra Frank is planning to move forward with the BSP dolphin mosaic project using social distancing practices if MPRB approves the idea. Activities would take place outdoors at the park with small groups.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.