

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
November 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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



1. Call to order/Announcements

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM, and it was held as a hybrid with Board Members in-person and attendees online.
- b. Motion to approve the agenda and October 19 minutes, seconded. motion passes

2. Jason Green- Bryant Square Park Updates

- a. Nov. 29th- Recreation Center building reopens!
- b. Winter break is upcoming with modified open hours: 12-6pm on Saturdays
- c. Warming room is most likely happening for ice rink and Will be looking for warming room attendants
- d. **New programs include: youth indoor soccer, adult bean bags, Lego lounge, & Tae Kwon Do/ self defense.**
 - i. **Looking for donations of winter gear.**
- e. **Luminary Skating Party is Jan. 8th**
- f. **jngreen@minneapolisparcs.org**

3. 6th Park District, Cathy Abene, Commissioner Elect (Update)

- a. **Abene was elected on November 3 to represent the 6th Park Board district covering most of southwest Minneapolis. She is focused on improving water quality/ management, as well as maintaining park facilities.**
- b. **Opened up for questions**

4. 10th Ward City Council, Alisha Chughtai- Member Elect

- a. Chughtai was elected to represent the 10th Ward on November 3. She is focused on renter protection since the ward is made up of 80% renters. Chughtai also wants to repair trust with the community and improve communication.
- b. **Opened up for questions**

5. South Uptown Bylaws Revision, Scott Engel (Vote)

- a. The City's Neighborhood & Community Relations Department is requiring revisions to bylaws prior to December 31, 2021 in order to be eligible to receive funding. This includes: Change in term limits (previously 8 years, now it will be decreased to 6 years), revise public notice to align with City requirements, creates new officer role- DEI Officer, and change officer term from two to one year.
- b. Motion to vote, discussion
 - i. Motion to approve proposed bylaw revisions with modified DEI officer language, seconded. Motion passes

6. 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 the January 18 meeting. email info@southuptown.org for more information. We are especially interested in recruiting women, renters and people of color to the Board.
7. Organizational Policies, Scott Engel
 - a. Engel presented the Committee policy that describes the five committees, the membership for each, and how they operate. The Personnel committee needs Board members to join. James McLain, Jerome Chateau, Katy Briggs, and ? agreed to join. Motion to approve the Committee Policy, seconded. Approved.
 - b. Language Access Policy: Engel presented the proposed policy that is required by the City. Motion to approve policy, seconded. Discussion. Motion passes
8. Give to the Max Day- 11/18, Katy Briggs
 - a. Provided a presentation about the board handbook
 - b. Encouraged board members to create a fundraiser, donate, or post on their social networks
9. Board Retreat
 - a. Briggs was elected as the DEI officer
 - b. A board retreat will be scheduled in December for the Board to discuss the organization and possibly start DEI training. Engel will send out a Doodle poll soon.
10. Treasurer's Report, Scott Moss
 - a. Moss presented a written finance report. Current: \$14,000 in the two checking accounts.
 - b. Significant expenses in October included: payroll, rent, meetings, special events
 - c. November report will include transactions related to Charter Amendment forum
 - d. 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.
11. Potential NRP Plan Modification: 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.
12. Announcements
 - a. SUNA is co-hosting the Luminary Skating Party on Jan. 8th with Bryant Square Park.
- 13. Adjourn**
 - a. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm, seconded, motion passed