

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Cameron Delaney

Call to Order & Introductions

- * The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.
- * Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda & Minutes

- * Motion, seconded to approve the proposed agenda and October 15 meeting minutes. Approved.

Bryant Square Park, Jason Green

- * The Halloween Party was well attended and the dj-led dance party was a big hit.
- * The skating rink will open once there has been several days of below freezing temperatures allowing ice to form.
- * For more information contact (612) 370-4907 or minneapolisparks.org.

City Council President Lisa Bender

- * Bender noted that the City Council is working on revising the Mayor's proposed 2020 budget, and public hearings are scheduled for early December where citizens can comment. The budget includes more funding for cops, affordable housing, cultural corridors, and homeless prevention.
- * The city Council is expected to approve an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance in the coming weeks. It would require developers to include a percentage of affordable units in projects over 25 units.
- * The City Council recently approved zoning changes allowing up to 3 dwelling units on every residential lot in Minneapolis. This change codifies the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan vision, and more zoning changes will take place over the next few years to update zoning rules to match the 2040 plan.

Census 2020 & Elections, Casy Carl & David Rubedor

- Carl is the City Clerk and oversees elections in Minneapolis. Minnesota is holding a Primary election on March 3, and this is the first primary in decades. Early voting will begin on January 16. The City is hoping to get the word out about this election, as well as for the General election in November.
- Rubedor is the director of the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department, which has been tasked with 2020 Census outreach. It is important to get an accurate count of citizens because the Census helps determine funding and representation. Minnesota is on the verge of losing a Congressional seat, for example. All residents, including immigrants, need to be counted through a Census. However, Federal funding cuts and policies may discourage people from completing Census forms. The City is asking neighborhood associations to start promoting the fact that the Census will start on April 1 with the count being completed by December 31, 2020.

- Board members expressed interest in finding ways to inform South Uptown neighbors that the Census is coming. This could include through social media and events like the Chili Fest.

South Uptown Board of Directors Retreat, Max Ellis

- The Board gets together in December for a Retreat rather than hosting a regular Neighborhood Meeting. The Board discusses goals for the upcoming year, challenges for the organization, and shares a meal. Engel will send out a Doodle poll soon to find a date that works for the Retreat and then arrange for it to take place at a local restaurant.

Treasurer's Report, Brad Klein/ Scott Engel

- * The financial report for October was available for review.
- * The Hennepin and Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser was held in October and was a big success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and sponsored the event! South Uptown raised about \$,4000, which is similar to last year.
- * Engel noted that the nonprofit arts organization Ace in the City has leased the basement of Aldrich Church where South Uptown has an office. They plan to completely renovate the space to house multiple nonprofits including South Uptown. This means SU will need to temporarily vacate the space during construction, but will return to a larger office with completely modern facilities. Construction is expected to begin in late December or early January. Engel will work on negotiating an agreement to store supplies and equipment at the church during construction.

Adjourn

- * The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.