



South Uptown Neighborhood) Meeting October 18, 2022 Minutes

Board Attendees

- ★ Jerome Chateau
- ★ Jenna Egan
- ★ Phil Qualy
- ★ Scott Engel
- ★ Scott Moss
- ★ Rachel Starcher
- ★ Joel Chechik
- ★ Katy Briggs
- ★ Gretchen Sieger

- ★ (Absent: Hannah Friel)

Agenda / Meeting Notes

Introductions/ Announcements: Katy Briggs

- Board Member introductions
- Welcome neighbors and guests

Approve Agenda & 8/16 Minutes: Katy Briggs (Vote)

- Motion to amend agenda
 - Approved
- Phil recognized to offer a moment of silence for our neighbor who was recently killed
- Motion to approve minutes. Approved.

Bryant Square Park: Jason Green (Update)

- Fall sports are in full swing
 - 5 flag football teams and several soccer teams
 - 2 volleyball teams and not enough gym space
 - Waiting list for indoor soccer
- The park is quiet

- Field lights go off at 8:45 and are not on overnight
- Scott, Trisha and a rep from forestry are looking at options for park trees.
- The Luminary Skating Party will take place on Saturday, January 21st
- Halloween -
 - Not sure if there will be events this year (55+, family pumpkin carving)

Common Bond/ 1301 W. Lake St.: Katie Anthony (Update)

- Principal PM (company based in St. Paul for 50 years)
- Project-
 - Vacant lot - organization has contract to purchase (7 Points people)
 - 100% affordable housing
 - Income restrictions when you move in;
 - 6 story building
 - Mix of housing types
 - Minneapolis Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars applied in July, and award announcements 11/29; city council 12/8
 - If we get 1st award, design will follow; usually will wait until funding awards are secured before next phases progress
 - Applied to Mpls Foundation for a grant
 - \$ for main street revitalization
 - Small grant from the City of Mpls- 2.3M applied for
 - They make awards based on formula in the PRF
 - 3 bd at this affordability level you get x
 - Applied for the max amount
 - Typically, there are 15-20 applications and maybe 10-12 get funded
 - How can SUNA help?
 - Application process in the simmering phase... may be opportunities to push some advocacy coming up
 - Move support to action may require some involvement
 - State of MN funding scoring criteria - 100% supportive or historic preservation housing, which doesn't fit this project.
 - Finalize finances by end of 2023, potentially into 2024-25 because affordable housing dollars can take a while to go through

Development Committee: Katy Briggs

- Give to the Max Day (GTMD) is November 17, 2022
 - This is Minnesota's giving holiday
 - Nonprofits engage in funding efforts 11/7; campaign starts on 11/1
 - People from any state can participate and support MN
 - Give MN is the fundraising platform

- Theme = togetherness; come together to address challenges of the last few years
- Development committee is working to:
 - Co-host events
 - Bring awareness to what we do for our community
 City funding is decreasing, so this is important
- Give to the Max Day and peer to peer fundraising
 - Share our SUNA page
 - Every board member must choose one of the 3 options for participating
 - Create a Give to the Max Day Personal Fundraiser
 - Share the SUNA Give to the Max Day Page with your networks
 - Donate
 - Katy shared a document *2022 SUNA GTMD Board Handbook*
 - Between now and GTMD, Katy will send some reminders
- Check in with your company to see if they match donations/ may also match employee volunteer hours

Neighborhood Board Survey: Tate Nguyen, NCR (Update)

- Neighborhood support specialist
- Board representation survey (diversity - formerly known) since 2014
 - Link in chat
 - Responses are anonymous
 - Aggregate at community not neighborhood board level
 - Important to have all members respond (rate target 90%)
 - Will publish the results in a report, examples of which are on their website
- Expanded capacity and how can NCR better support neighborhood organizations
- Their office has community relations and community specialists that focus on certain groups
 - Aging and LGBTQA+ cultural specialists
 - Learning labs with different foci
 - Can still register
 - Ways to engage with your communities
- Scott mentioned that the recently approved funding is going to Tate's department for review and approval
 - Deadline 10/31
 - They will be the ones to review the engagement plans

Treasurer's Report: Joel Chechik

- Board members received documents in advance of the meeting
 - Accounting procedures document
 - 2-page document describes how SUNA manages funding
 - Robert Thompson - accountant
 - Financial report
- Accounting procedures vote
 - Board selected officers Katy, Scott M, Joel as account signers for the bank
 - TruStone at 28th & Lyndale
 - Motion to approve the bank and signers. Approved.
 - Jerome and Rob will be taken off the account
- Conflict of Interest Policy (Scott E) vote
 - Form required by the city
 - Everyone read, fill out the disclosure
 - Low return rate historically; please complete!
 - Need every year
 - Motion to approve the policy. Approved.
- Bank Account/ End of Fiscal Year Reports
 - 2 checking accounts
 - Operations account has a balance of approx. \$14K
 - Grants account for approx. \$24K
 - In total, there is nearly \$39k in the SUNA checking accounts
 - Budget to actual \$7900 less than expected
 - Spent \$13k less, so net is \$6700
 - Budget to put that in a reserve fund
 - Transaction report for September shows staff expenses, rent, etc.
- 2023/ 2024 Neighborhoods 2020 Grant Application
 - Covers staff time, rent, paper, computer
 - Board received 3 documents:
 - Application
 - Neighborhood funding 10K for all
 - Equitable engagement fund - 23K from that
 - Total funding requested is 33.7K
 - Proposed budget
 - Brand new program (2 years)
 - SUNA would get funding for 23-24; spreadsheet where budget is proposed
 - Equitable engagement plan
 - How does SUNA engage w/ the entire community
 - 6200 people in SUNA
 - Plan to target renters
 - 70% are renters

- 4/9 board members are renters
- BIPOC- mostly white folks involved in the organization, but 18% BIPOC in the neighborhood
- Deadline 10/31
 - Need board to review the docs and application
 - Expect contract signed by the end of the year
- Organization needs to implement plans over the next few years (i.e., take action)

10th Ward City Council: Councilmember Aisha Chughtai (Discussion)

- In the middle of budget season
 - There are changes to make for 24+ different types of investments, programs, staff
 - Aisha's first time going through the process
 - This is a Council where 7 members are brand new. Some things they are learning:
 - Type of amendments, where it is possible to move money, where it is not
 - Community engagement sessions in centrally located parts of Ward 10
 - See what plans are. What types of projects should be proposed, supported
 - Thursday 10/20 City Council meeting
 - Passing the omnibus amendment on structure
 - Ordinances / government structure
 - This has been in the making over 10 months-
 - Pass amendments that will align with the proposals
 - City response to homelessness
 - This has bubbled up again recently
 - Has been an issue since 2017, but really started to flare back in 2020
 - There is now renewed energy for Mpls residents to show up on this issue and to think creatively on policy
 - 3 actions they are taking
 - Partner with Jason Chavez-
 - Asking the same staff at City Behavioral Crisis Response Team to present a set of recommendations of the removal of homeless encampments
 - Lack of response times, close out rates are low
 - How to utilize limited resources on this issue, which is currently not working
 - Partner with Elliott Payne-

- Adequate shelter beds when an eviction of an encampment is made
 - Are there only 50 shelter beds? Depends on the time of day
 - Pets- most often people can't use a shelter if they have pets
 - Substances - cannot accept people with active substance use disorder
 - Public safety concerns can grow.. Poor use
 - Temporary pause on encampment forced removals for 6 months
 - Need holistic analysis on how much these evictions actually cost
 - Need transparency about where the dollars come from and how they are spent
 - Will be published on the Council's agenda tomorrow
- Avivo Villages project
 - Partnership between State, County, and City
- Other solutions to homelessness
 - Street outreach workers
 - Housing referrals; getting people into transitional housing
 - Has been successful, but there are not enough outreach workers or housing slots
- Phil offers his support to evolve the issue on homeless encampments; asks will any of the 3 proposals restrict the ability for emergency response?
 - When these crises happen (especially in encampments) gaps remain unfilled; violent situations pop up, then a lack of response by MPD, etc.
 - There are links between how a situation is managed and what happens next (moving people around and growing the size of the program)
 - How can we better use our money to respond to and address these downstream effects?
- Community engagement sessions - Scott will plan and have an active role.

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn
 - Approved

Action items

- Board members to submit COI form to Scott Engel

- Board members to complete the Board Representation Survey- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthUptown2022BoardSurvey>

Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events

- South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 7PM
 - Give to the Max Day - Thursday, November 17, 2022
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