

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Meeting Minutes- October 19, 2021

Attending: Katy briggs, Jerome Chateau, Brad Klein, James McLain, Dylan McMa-
Scott Moss, Rollie Olson, (Absent: Ashley Bredeson & Rob Raike)



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1. Call to Order/Announcements- Jerome Chateau
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm. It was held with Board Members in person and neighbors attending using Zoom. Board members each gave an introduction.
 - b. Motion to approve the agenda with a change to move Charlie Rybak from Southwest Voices to the beginning of the meeting, seconded, discussion. Motion passes.
 - c. Motion to approve the minutes from the August 17 meeting, seconded, discussion, motion passes
2. Bryan Square Park- Jason Green
 - a. MPRB intends to open the BSP recreation center on November 8, but it could change depending on COVID conditions.
 - b. A variety of youth sports teams are taking place this fall including soccer, baseball and new volleyball teams.
 - c. The ice rink is expected to open this winter and is likely to include equipment for hockey.
3. Southwest Voices, Charlie Rybak
 - a. Rybak described the new Southwest Voices online news venture he is launching this month to replace a void created when the Southwest Journal folded. The site will cover local news including elections, politics, business, schools, parks and neighborhood events. It will function on a subscription model akin to public radio with content being free for everyone.
 - b. Rybak worked with the Kingfield and Lowry Hill East neighborhood associations to find a mutually beneficial arrangement involving a portion of subscription proceeds going to participating organizations. Neighborhood groups will help promote Southwest Voices and in return get 8.3% of a subscription back from every person who signs up from their neighborhood per a draft contract. Motion to approve the contract with Southwest Voices, seconded. Discussion. Approved.
4. E Line Bus Rapid Transit, Juan Randall
 - a. Randall discussed the planned E Line rapid bus route that will run on Hennepin Avenue connecting to the Southdale, Downtown and University areas starting in 2024. Larger buses will run every ten minutes all day stopping at fewer, upgraded shelters improving service dramatically. The route #6 will remain in place providing a similar frequency to today. Upgraded E Line stops are proposed at 36th, 33rd and the Uptown Transit Center serving South Uptown neighbors. Comments on the plan are encouraged online at metro [transit.org](https://www.metrotransit.org) through the end of the month. Once that input is considered, there will be another round of input in early 2022.
5. Neighborhoods 2020 Funding, Scott Engel
 - a. The City has changed their funding program for neighborhood associations reducing funding for South Uptown and requiring new applications and policy documents. It is called Neighborhoods 2020 and is more focused on engaging underrepresented groups including people of color and renters. Engel presented the Neighborhood Network Fund application, Equitable Engagement Fund application, Equitable Engagement Plan and a budget detailing how the organization will use about \$37,000.

- b. Motions were made individually to approve each document above, seconded. Approved.
- c. South Uptown Bylaws: The organization must also revise bylaws before the end of the year to be eligible for Neighborhoods 2020 funding. This includes adding a 6-year term limit for Board Members and aligning the amount of public notice required. Briggs proposed the addition of a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Officer role and description for inclusion in revised bylaws based on previous Board discussion. Briggs also noticed that the current bylaws describe Board Officer roles as running for 2 year terms, but the organization is selecting officers each year. It was agreed to include that change in the bylaw revision to be voted upon at the November 16 South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting.
 - 6. Personnel Committee Policies, Scott Engel
 - a. The City is requiring personnel-related policies as part of the new Neighborhoods 2020 Program. Engel described an updated Employee Handbook, as well as new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), and Whistleblower policies.
 - b. Motion to individually approve each of the above policies, seconded. Discussion. Approved.
 - 7. Land Use & Transportation Committee: Jerome Chateau
 - a. Proposed NRP Plan Modification: The LU&T Committee is recommending a change to NRP strategy 4.1.1 Bike Racks expanding the program to allow for the purchase of safety equipment and public fix-it stations. A Plan Modification requires 21 days public notice before a neighborhood-wide vote can take place with the change announced on August 17 and promoted via social media and the website. Motion to approve the NRP Plan Modification as proposed, seconded. Discussion. Approved.
 - b. Bryant Ave Reconstruction: Construction will start in spring 2022 running for 2 years. Public Works will work on the southern leg of the corridor in 2022 with construction on the section through South Uptown starting in 2023.
 - 8. Treasurers Report, Scott Moss
 - a. Moss reviewed the Financial report for September detailing account balances and activity. The end of the fiscal year was September 30 and the Budget to Actuals report showed net income of about \$2,500.
 - b. The Accounting Procedures document was presented for consideration detailing how South Uptown will track and manage funds. It also identifies TruStone as the bank and Rob Raike (President, Jerome Chateau (Vice President) and Scott Moss (Treasurer) as account signers. Motion to approve the Accounting Procedures as presented, seconded. Discussion. Approved.
 - c. Each October, Board Members, Committee members and staff are asked to review the Conflict of Interest Policy and then fill out the form acknowledging that review.
 - d. The Audit Policy was presented for consideration detailing how South Uptown will maintain financial records in preparation for a future audit or audit procedures review.. Motion to approve the Audit policy as presented, seconded. Discussion. Approved.
 - 9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded, motion passes