

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
October 20th, 2020 Online Meeting
Minutes

Attending: Ashley Bredeson, Jerome Chateau, Dylan McMahon, Brad Klein, Max Ellis, Rollie Olson, Rob Raike, Justin Gardiner, Sophie Snow

Call to Order & Introductions: Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.
Board members introduced themselves.



1. Agenda & 8/18 and 9/30 Minutes

- a. Motion to approve by McMahon and Gardiner, seconded, motion approved.

2. Bryant Square Park, Jason Green

- a. Offer to anyone to reach out with questions or concerns: 612-370-4773
jngreen@minneapolisparcs.org
- b. Park building getting air conditioning, 5 new restrooms, and two new outside drinking fountains. Feb 1st, 2021 is estimated construction start date. May 1st, 2021 end date
- c. Warming room and skating rink is still in question for this winter due to COVID19. Green is advocating for the skating rink to open this year due to no other rinks being close. Will provide update in the future, decision not to happen for at least 2 weeks
- d. MPRB's winter recreation sports are tentatively moving forward
- e. Green said the neighborhood can put together a letter of support and Green can pass that along to proper authorities.
- f. Discussion about funding source for renovations. It isn't clear whether Park Dedication Fees or the general park budget will pay for renovations. Engel will research and report back.

3. Development Committee, Ashley Bredeson/ Sam Miller/ Julie Michener

- a. Presentation about new Development committee and roles
- b. Upcoming strategic plan, will utilize U of M consultancy services if offered the opportunity through a grant process. Community involvement will be important for strategic planning
- c. Give to the max Day is Nov. 19th, 2020. People can donate at this link:
Givemn.org/organization/South-Uptown-Neighborhood-Association

4. Calhoun Square Redevelopment- Alistair Parry

- a. North Pond Partners representative. Parry provided a presentation about the vision for the shopping center.
- b. Rebranding
 - i. New Name: "Seven Points Uptown". Originates from the crown that sits on top of the property. Encapsulates history of neighborhood, and the mission moving forward.
- c. Discussion
 - i. Question about retail space- there are new residents that are lined up

- ii. Question about building near CB2. Nothing set in stone at this current stage. Potential to add more density in this area. They do not do residential development; they would call in a partner
- iii. Question about percentages of types of business that they would like to see in the space. No set percentage at this time. There will be a mix of local and national companies
- iv. Question about the name and possible confusion with another location in Minneapolis and Atlanta with a similar name. Northpond welcomes the feedback
- v. Question about adding more green spaces. Parry said they will take this feedback and work on their proposal
- vi. Suggestion to add more green space on Girard, and not block off areas
- vii. Comment that the pedestrian connection between Hennepin Ave and the parking ramp is not as large as proposed earlier and could be too dark. Suggestion to add more lighting and green space
- viii. Question to share PowerPoint. Parry shared that this information will be shared in media within the next 24 hours. Will share PowerPoint with Engel who will distribute it
- ix. Question about how community can provide more feedback. Parry will provide contact information to Engel to share with community
- x. Question about “flipping” property vs. legacy projects. Northpond typically holds on to properties for the long term.

5. Committee Policy

- a. Every October, committee member are asked to re-commit to their committee, and choose a chair
- b. New this year is the Development committee
- c. Motion to Approve by Ellis, seconded, motion approved

6. Treasurers Report- Dylan McMahon

- a. Presentation on current financial position
- b. Accounting Procedures includes Board action to select TruStone for all bank accounts, and to designate Ellis, Chateau, and McMahon as account signatories.
- c. Conflict of interest policy update. All board members need to complete this form and return this to Engel by Nov. 1st. Can complete the word document and send that to Engel.
- d. Motions to approve accounting policies and conflict of interest policy, seconded, motions pass

7. Final Comments

- a. The association office is ready to be moved into. Engel is seeking help this weekend to move items from storage to office.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:39 pm, seconded, motion passed