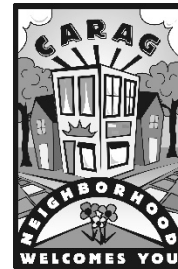


**South Uptown Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Meeting Minutes- August 17th, 2021**

**Attending: Scott Engel, Max Ellis, Brad Klein, Dylan McMahon, Rollie Olson,
Jerome Chateau, Rob Raike (Absent: Ashley Bredeson & Sophie Snow)**



- 1. Call to Order/Announcements- Max Ellis**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:08 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 two additional items under the Treasurer's Report, seconded, discussion. Motion passes.**
 - c. Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15 meeting, seconded, discussion, motion passes**
- 2. Bryan Square Park- Jason Green**
 - a. MPRB intends to open recreation centers in September, However, a shortage of staff could upend that plan including at BSP. Jason is looking for help filling open positions.**
 - b. Youth sports team sign ups are going very well with a variety of activities planned this fall.**
 - c. Concerts at the park were a huge success with at least a 300% increase in attendance. South Uptown volunteers involvement and presence with the concerts made them much more welcoming.**
- 3. South Uptown Annual Meeting & Board Elections**
 - a. Nominations: There are five open seats for the Board election. Katy Briggs, Dylan McMahon and Rollie Olson were nominated to run for a seat. Candidates are encouraged to complete an online application form.**
 - b. Annual Meeting: We are planning for an online meeting using Zoom due to the rise in COVID cases. The Theater of Public Policy is scheduled to perform and a featured guest speaker needs to be confirmed.**
- 4. South Uptown Strategic Plan: Scott Engel**
 - a. Engel noted that the organization worked with a consulting team to create a new Strategic Plan focused on Safety, Equity and Community. The Board and Committee members met in July to discuss next steps including assigning implementation of the plan to the 3 committees.**
 - b. Engel reviewed the nine, overarching priorities from the plan and explained that the committees will discuss in greater detail starting in September.**
- 5. 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. The vote will take place during the October South Uptown meeting due to the next one being the Annual Meeting.**
 - b. 3128 Bryant Ave S.: Left Lane Ventures has submitted land use applications to the City to construct a 12-unit building replacing a small home. The project was discussed at the LU&T meeting in July with attendees requesting more space along the alley for cars to pull in and drop off. The developer made that change which moved patios to the sides of the proposed structure triggering the need for setback variances. A Public Hearing is scheduled for September 9.**

- c. **Bryant Ave Reconstruction:** The City Council is expected soon to approve the one-way concept recommended by Public Works. Construction will start in spring 2022 running for 2 years.
6. **Neighborhood Revitalization committee- Scott Engel**
 - a. **Home Loan Program Contract:** The NR Committee is recommending a one year extension of the NRP contract with the Center for Energy & Environment (CEE) to administer South Uptown home loans. The annual fee is \$2,500 and the extension would run through December 31, 2022. Motion, seconded to approve the contract extension. Motion passes.
 - b. The NR Committee is recommending a contribution of \$1,000 to the Lyn-Lake Business Association to support the Lyn-Lake Street Art Festival that took place on August 7 and 8. Funds would come from NRP Strategy 6.1.3 Alley Beautification as the murals are mostly covering blank walls in alleys. Motion, seconded to contribute \$1,000 to the Lyn-Lake Business Association for the Lyn-Lake Street Art Festival. Motion passes.
7. **Grievance, Max Ellis**
 - a. An official Grievance was submitted by Steve Taylor on June 21. A 3-member Grievance Panel including Dave Berge, Danielle Robinson and Jen Stromberg have met and are considering the complaint and next steps. The group will send a report to the Board with recommendations in the coming weeks.
8. **Treasurers Report, Dylan McMahon**
 - a. McMahon proposed spending up to \$200 on the purchase of a microphone to be used during hybrid meetings with some in person and others online. Motion, seconded to approve the purchase. Motion passes.
 - b. Several neighborhoods in southwest Minneapolis are planning a District 6 Park Board Candidate Forum for the fall. McMahon is working with the group expecting it to take place at Mt. Olivet Church and being moderated by the League of Women Voters. He anticipates costs up to \$75 per neighborhood for room rental, moderation and advertising. Motion, seconded to authorize up to \$75 for costs related to the forum. Motion passes.
 - c. McMahon reviewed the Financial report for July detailing account balances and activity.
 - d. South Uptown received a \$10,000 Hennepin county environmental education grant and implementation will start in September. Motion, seconded to designate President Max Ellis as signatory on all contract documents related to the grant. Motion passes.
 - e. Bryant square park series launched a fundraiser on GiveMN for \$1,000. This is an amount that will be matched by a generous donation to SUNA. This will improve the series and financially support the donors along with creating more activities to accompany the performances. So far it has only raised \$150.
 - f. McMahon reviewed a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2022 which starts October 1. The final budget will be approved during the Annual Meeting in September. Significant resources are anticipated to come from city contracts with some additional fundraising. Expenses are expected to rise with increases in staff, rent and insurance costs. About \$6,700 in surplus would be put into a "reserve" fund.
9. **Adjourn**
 - a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded, motion passes