

South Uptown Neighborhood Association  
January 19th, 2021 Online Meetings Minutes

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



**1. Call to order/Announcements**

- a. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM. Board members introduced themselves.
- b. Motion to approve the agenda and November 17 minutes, seconded, motion passed

**2. Bryant Square Park, Jason Green**

- a. Offer to anyone to reach out with questions or concerns: 612-370-4773  
[jngreen@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:jngreen@minneapolisparks.org)
- b. Skating rink opened after pressure from South Uptown neighbors influenced MPRB to do so. The warming house and skate library are not available due to COVID.
- c. Construction on the Recreation Center restrooms and HVAC is underway.

**3. Development Committee, Dylan McMahon**

- a. Strategic Planning Update
  - i. South Uptown was chosen by University of MN consultants to help the organization develop a strategic plan. Efforts are expected to get underway later this month and continue through April.
  - ii. Give to the Max Day: The event on November 19<sup>th</sup> raised \$4,400 for the organization from 33 donations.
  - iii. Mission Statement: The Development Committee and Board used input gathered during the November meeting and Board Retreat to draft a new Mission Statement, which is: Improve the well-being of the South Uptown Neighborhood by fostering a safe, equitable, and connected community.

**4. Bryant Ave Reconstruction, Liz Hayman & Jerome Joiner (Public Works)**

- **The City plans to reconstruct 2.5 miles of Bryant from Lake to 50<sup>th</sup> Street starting in 2022. Project engineers have come out with a preferred concept for the street after reviewing City policies, community input and the right of way on the street. It includes creating a protected bike trail, adding bump-outs at intersections, removing parking from one side of the street, and adding a tree-lined boulevard. Buses would move over to Lyndale Avenue because Bryant doesn't have enough space to accommodate future ABRT services planned for the corridor.**
- **Several neighbors were in attendance to ask questions and provide input. Discussion revolved around the loss of parking, access for residents moving into buildings, the**

bike trail, and how buses would operate on Lyndale. Bryant is narrower than the actual City right of way because retaining walls and steps encroach into it.

- The project website has a lot more information, as well as a survey: <http://www2.minneapolis.gov/cip/futureprojects/bryant-ave-s-reconstruction#maincontent> Planners expect to come back in early summer with a more precise design for the project before asking the City Council to approve the layout.
5. **Livability & Engagement Committee, Diana Boegemann**
- Boegemann noted that the Livability Committee is hoping to organize a virtual fundraiser for the Chili Fest on February 28. This would include South Uptown contributing \$1,000 from the Give to the Max Day fundraiser as a matching challenge grant. This amount was identified because the Chili Fest typically raises around \$2,000 for the food shelf each year. Motion, seconded to contribute \$1,000 for a challenge grant. Motion passed. The group is also hoping to promote a food drop off on February 28.
6. **Treasurers Report, Dylan McMahon**
- a. McMahon presented financial reports for November and December 2020, which included account balances, budget to actual and transactions.
  - b. IRS 990 Tax Form: A completed 990 form for last year was available for review. Motion, seconded to approve filing of the 990 with McMahon's signature. Motion passed.
  - c. MN Attorney General's Charitable Organization Report Form: This completed report was available for review and is filed by nonprofits seeking donations. Motion, seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the Board President and Treasurer to sign the document. Motion passed.
  - d. **Online Meeting Resolution: A resolution describing the need to host online meetings during the COVID19 pandemic was available for review. It detailed the steps the organization will take to host meetings in order to operate the neighborhood association. Motion, seconded to approve the resolution allowing for online meetings and voting procedures. Motion passed.**

7. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:35 pm, seconded, motion passed