

South Uptown Neighborhood Association  
June 18, 2019 Minutes

Attending: Ginny Buran, Jerome Chateau, Blue Delliquanti, Max Ellis, Chris Finlay, John Kostorous, Brad Klein  
Absent: Jordan Gaal, Jason Lord

Introductions & Announcements, Max Ellis

- \* The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.
- \* Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.
- \* The Garden Tour is coming up on June 22 and 24.

Agenda & Minutes

- \* Motion, seconded to approve the proposed agenda and May 21 minutes. Approved.

Bryant Square Park Update: Jason Green

- \* Concerts begin this evening and continue most Tuesdays and Thursdays through August.
- \* The movie in the park is scheduled for Saturday, June 29 at dusk.
- \* Contact (612) 370-4907 or [minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org) for more information.

Zoe's Cafe: Zoe McCreary

- \* The McCreary family operates the cafe at Lake & Bryant in the former Karly Coffee space. The business specializes in baked goods, which are prepared onsite.
- \* There are some plans to host a farmer's market in the large parking lot adjacent to the cafe later this summer.

Minneapolis Public Schools, Ira Jourdain MPS Board Member

- \* Jourdain described some of the challenges affecting MPS for the next school year. The district is struggling to find bus drivers due to the low unemployment rate and rising costs.
- \* Test scores at Minneapolis schools have gone up in recent years and some of that is attributed to continued support from taxpayers in the form of the school levy providing funds for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming.

B & E Line Bus Rapid Transit, Cody Olson- Metro Transit

- \* Olson noted that Metro Transit is planning two future Bus Transit Lines that will run along South Uptown border streets. The B Line will connect the SW LRT station along the Lake Street corridor to St. Paul. The E Line will connect the U of MN, downtown, Uptown, and Southdale mostly along the Hennepin Avenue corridor. Study continues for each line about exact routing and line terminus.
- \* Bus Rapid Transit is upgraded services with 10-minute frequencies, fewer and upgraded stops, and off bus fare payment to speed up boardings. It has been successful on the A Line, which runs from the 46th St. LRT station over to Snelling Ave to Rosedale, increasing ridership by 30%.
- \* The B Line is further ahead in planning with routing to be determined later in 2019. It will take another year before the E Line route will be determined. Also, significant funding from the Legislature will be needed to move these projects forward.

Land Use & Transportation Committee, Blue Delliquanti

- \* Delliquanti reported that the LU&T Committee will host a special meeting on June 26 to learn more about a proposed development at 3224 - 3236 Girard Avenue S. The project includes a 4-story apartment building to replace 3 single-family homes and a duplex.
- \* The committee is recommending the appointment of Terry Forehand to the group filling a committee vacancy. Motion, seconded to appoint Terry Forehand to the LU&T Committee. Approved.

#### July Board Retreat

- \* There will be no South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting due to busy summer schedules and warm weather. However, the Board will get together for a "Retreat" to discuss the direction of the organization and plan the annual meeting. Engel will send a Doodle poll soon in order to find a date for the Retreat.

#### Treasurer's Report, Scott Engel/ Brad Klein

- \* Financial reports were available through May 30 for review.
- \* The Suds for South Uptown event at Lyn Lake Brewery is June 29. The brewery will donate \$1 for every beer sold to South Uptown during the event. Volunteers are needed to help staff the table.

#### Adjourn

- \* The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.