

## South Uptown Neighborhood Association

Community Meeting- March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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



1. Call to Order/Announcements- Max Ellis
  - a. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm
  - b. Board members introduced themselves
  - c. Motion to approve agenda, seconded, motion passes
  - d. Motion to approve February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded, motion passes
2. Bryan Square Park- Jason Green
  - a. Jason was unable to attend so Scott Engel provided updates
  - b. Saw large crowds at ice rink this past year despite the warming house being closed.
  - c. Construction of the recreation center restrooms is well on its way. Targeted date to be done by April. HVAC work should be done by May.
  - d. Concerts will be returning to the park! Supported by the Park Board. South Uptown has been working with Jason to come up with a list of bands to perform. June 17<sup>th</sup> start day. Most Tuesdays and Thursdays through August 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. Development Committee- Ashley Bredeson
  - a. Diana Marquez and Brandl Moniz presented from the GVC consultants.
  - b. Background about what they have done for strategic planning up until this point
  - c. Developed a survey focused on safety, equity, and connectedness (reflecting the current mission statement)
    - i. Survey being released this evening
    - ii. Deadline will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - iii. Gift cards will be given to participants
    - iv. <https://forms.gle/RHggYUkeUmUD6wRw5>
  - d. Outcome from project will be a 3 year strategic plan focused on action plans that align with the mission statement
  - e. April 20<sup>th</sup> will be the final presentation
  - f. Questions can be directed to [marqu582@umn.edu](mailto:marqu582@umn.edu) or [moniz007@umn.edu](mailto:moniz007@umn.edu)
4. 5<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, Inspector Katie Blackwell
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Year to date violent crimes in South uptown is 8 incidents including several robberies, which is similar to last year at this time.
  - c. Patrol dedicated to Uptown area focuses on times when most activity occurs.
  - d. Property crime is down, but auto theft spiked due to people leaving keys in their cars and leaving them running to warm them up.
  - e. Update about Derek Chauvin trial. Verdict expected last week of April or first week of May

- f. City of Minneapolis newsletter provides updates
    - i. <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/trial-support-safety/>.
    - ii. <http://news.minneapolismn.gov/>.
  - g. Update on current hires and staffing levels
  - h. Q and A session followed presentation with questions about car jackings, police conduct during the Chauvin trial, levels of police staffing and how the National Guard will operate in the City.
5. Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, Carol Bouska & Scott Engel
- a. Reviewed NRP Phase 2 Action Plan Report describing efforts to implement projects over the last 10 years. The Strategic Plan is an opportunity to reevaluate priorities and direct NRP resources based on that outcome.
    - i. Crime and safety- improve neighborhood safety
    - ii. Created grants for safety improvements
    - iii. Graffiti prevention
    - iv. Goal to work together as community to create a safe neighborhood by promoting locks and apartment clubs
    - v. Housing Overview
      - 1. Loans for properties with 1-10 housing units to make exterior repairs and garage improvements. \$200,000 has gone towards affordable housing projects including Rita's House for homeless teens.
      - 2. Energy audit programs
    - vi. Transportation Overview
      - 1. Promote and facilitate alternative transportation modes by facilitating pedestrian improvements, installing bike racks, funding a bike trail along 36th St. and deploying a parklet.
    - vii. Economic Development
      - 1. Not as many NRP dollars have been spent on this, but the organization did promote local businesses over the years. South Uptown worked with SW Senior Center to create a mosaic mural at Bryant Market.
    - viii. Community Building and Beautification: The organization has worked to organize community events, plant gardens and boulevard trees, and clean up trash over the years. Projects have worked to build connections amongst neighbors.
    - ix. Seniors
      - 1. Supported Southwest Senior center activities
    - x. Bryant Square Park: Supported wading pool upgrades and addition of mosaic murals and dolphin mosaic. Advocated for recreation center upgrades.
    - xi. Implementation: Supported administrative costs including staff, office and supplies.

xii. Discussion: The new Neighborhoods 2020 funding for neighborhood associations will cut funds to South Uptown, so new resources need to be developed or reductions in programming.

6. Treasurers Report- Dylan McMahon

- a. Current accounts: \$37,072
- b. Home security grant and dog waste bags utilized funds this past month
- c. Received NRP reimbursement
- d. SUNA provided a \$1,000 matching grant for the Chili Fest. Raised \$10,338!
- e. Gift card reward for survey participants (\$200)
  - i. Motion to approve additional funding, seconded

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm, seconded, motion passes