

South Uptown Neighborhood Association  
March 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Jerome Chateau, Blue Delliquanti, Max Ellis, Justin Gardiner, Brad Klein  
Absent: Jordan Gaal, John Kostouros,, Sophie Snow

Call to Order & Introductions

- \* The meeting was held via conference call due to the CoronaVirus, and it was called to order at 7:04PM.
- \* Cameron Delaney recently resigned from the Board because she is moving out of the neighborhood. Engel will begin promoting that there is a Board vacancy that could be filled at the April 21 Neighborhood Meeting, if held.

Agenda & Minutes

- \* Motion, seconded to approve the proposed agenda and February 18 meeting minutes.  
Approved.

Land Use & Transportation Committee, Scott Engel

- During the March 4 LU&T meeting, the committee discussed an outline for a resolution regarding the proposed 3501 Hennepin project. Engel created a draft letter based on that discussion and it has been reviewed via email by the committee. Since then, the Lander Group submitted their land use application to Minneapolis expecting to have the project reviewed at the April 27 Planning Commission meeting. However, Engel has not yet received a copy of the application leaving many details of the project undetermined.
- The Board discussed the project and the draft letter considering whether to submit it to the City. It was agreed that we should wait until more details become available and more neighbor input can be gathered before sending it.

Census 2020, Blue Delliquanti

- Delliquanti had scheduled a "Trusted Faces, Trusted Spaces" Census event for April 1 at BSP, but all park facilities have now been closed into April. The group discussed alternative ways to promote the Census including through social media.

Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, Scott Engel

- The committee met on March 12 and they are recommending changes to the 1-10 Unit Home Loan Program to make it more appealing to borrowers.
- Motion, seconded to contract for another year with the Center for Energy & Environment (CEE) to administer the loan programs at a cost of \$5,000. Approved.
- Motion, seconded to revise the 1-10 Unit Home Loan Program guidelines including: 1.) Reduce the interest rate to 1.99%; 2.) Allow garages, exterior water line replacement, & interior radon mitigation as eligible improvements; 3.) Allow business entities to participate. Approved.
- Motion, seconded to contract approximately \$63,000 of NRP funds for additional home loans. Approved.
- Engel noted that South Uptown will begin the process of an NRP Plan Modification to move funds from the Garage Improvements Loan strategy to the 1-10 Unit Loan Program. The process involves promoting the change with 21 days notice and a vote at a community-wide meeting. Hopefully, this will take place on April 21.

- Engel presented a draft NRP Scope of Services to contract \$10,000 for an alley beautification pilot program. Guidelines describing how the program will operate still needs to be produced and eventually approved by the Board. Motion, seconded to approve the Alley Beautification Scope of Services, as presented. Approved.
- The group briefly discussed the City's proposed "Neighborhoods 2020" scheme to fund neighborhood associations into the future. It significantly cuts funding for most organizations including South Uptown. It also adds a lot of extra reporting and bureaucracy while expecting more from each neighborhood. Engel will draft a letter to CP Bender detailing concerns with the program. He will also ask individual Board and Committee members to contact Bender expressing support for the neighborhood association.

#### Livability & Engagement Committee, Scott Engel

- Engel presented a draft contract with artist Sharra Frank to complete the mosaic artwork on the BSP dolphin for later this year. It details how Frank will complete the work and that South Uptown will pay up to \$3,600 for services and supplies. A People for Parks grant will pay \$2,500 of that total. Motion, seconded to approve the contract with Sharra Frank for the BSP Dolphin Mosaic project. Approved.

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

- \* The financial report for February was available for review.
- \* The Chili Fest raised \$2,057.88 and 30lbs of food for the Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.
- \* South Uptown received 501-c3 nonprofit status in late February.
- \* Gaal led a successful application for a Hennepin County organics recycling grant last month. South Uptown was awarded \$10,000 to promote organics recycling including establishing drop off sites.

#### Personnel Committee, Max Ellis

- Ellis noted that the PC met recently and is proposing a salary and benefit increase for the Executive Coordinator. It would increase the hourly rate to \$27.50 and add \$500 to the IRA. Motion, seconded to approve the salary and benefit change, as proposed. Approved.

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.