



South Uptown Neighborhood Association (SUNA) Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

Board Attendees

- ★ Jerome Chateau (President), Joel Chechik,-Alec Shannon, Gretchen Sieger, Rachel Starcher, Phil Qualy - *arrived at 8pm, Absent: Alex Bissen, Brian Dvorak, Jenna Egan*

Agenda / Meeting Notes

Introductions/ Announcements, Jerome Chateau

- Welcome and introductions
 - Claudia - 34th & Bryant & Sarah - 33th & Dupont
- no announcements

Approve Agenda & 2/20/24 Minutes, Jerome Chateau (Vote)

- Motion to approve 2/20/24 meeting minutes. Approved.
- Motion to approve 3/19/24 agenda with the addition of an agenda item- Letter of support from the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers. Approved.

Community Forum, Jerome Chateau (Discussion)

- Jason Green encourages everyone to go online and view the ~1:17 mark of the video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gj_vtnHyZdl) capturing the 3/6 Park Board Commissioners meeting, during which there was a shout out to BSP and the Chili Fest.

Bryant Square Park, Jason Green (Update)

- Concert invites were sent to performers today and we hope to have the schedule finished in the coming weeks.
 - 13 bands have been chosen
 - 3 Wednesdays during the summer (June, July, August) there will be a pop-up community dance party with a DJ
- There will be a movie on 8/31- following a performance of "Shrek Live"
- BSP staff are gearing up for spring and summer seasons. Activity at the park has been increased with the nice weather
- There is a meeting on Friday to discuss hosting a Farmer's Market during a concert this summer.
 - East Isles Farmers Market was running until a few years ago, but East Isles Neighborhood Association decided they no longer want to own the market, and it has been rebranded to Uptown Farmers Market
 - With construction along Hennepin Ave, they want to do pop-up markets around the Uptown area.
- There have been 75 applications for community gardens; BSP will be participating
 - Above ground garden beds

Minneapolis Recycling, Angiulo Damiani (Presentation)

- A representative from Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling is present to give an update about recycling and organics composting in the City and neighborhood
- City of Mpls services 60% of the city's population. They provide service to all buildings with < 5 units. Buildings with more than 5 units need to contract with a private trash and recycling company
- 97% of customers with a garbage can also have recycling bins
- Reviewed requirements for what can and can not be recycled
 - Keep plastic bags out of the recycling
 - A good way to remember which plastics can be recycled is to use the "I love you" ASL sign- fingers 1, 2, 5 for plastics that are okay
 - Recyclability is more than just what the material is made of, you also need to consider local guidelines for how processing centers sort materials (e.g., optical scanners)
- No extra cost to participate in organics
 - 64% in South Uptown participate, v. 52% for the city as a whole
 - 30% of what the average minnesotan throws out is compostable
 - Compost must go in bags that must be BPI certified
- Alternatives for getting rid of waste
 - BuyNothingProject.org
- Battery recycling - south transfer station is the only place to bring your batteries
 - AA batteries can be put in the trash, but it is encouraged to collect them over time and deposit them at a transfer station

- Lithium ion batteries cannot go in garbage or recycling
- Medications can also go to one of the 2 Hennepin County drop off sites
- Organics drop off site at BSP

South Uptown Committees, All (Update)

Development Committee

- Meeting next Tuesday, March 26, 6PM online
- Working on getting sponsors for the BSP concert series
- Want to raise money for the organization and also support promotion of events

Land Use & Transportation Committee

- Met last on March 6
- Discussed supporting local businesses
 - Will organize a walk to visit local businesses
- Also discussed doing a business summit, where local businesses, business associations, the council member, and the community can come together

Livability and Engagement

- Upcoming events-
 - Happy Hour on 4/4
 - Litter pick up - Earth Day 4/20
 - Personal Safety workshop 4/24
 - Concert series
 - 7-8 people got together to listen to 80+ bands, ranked them, then combined the results to inform which bands were invited

Renter Engagement, Alec Shannon (Discussion)

- Alec Shannon is present to give an overview of the efforts to prioritize renter engagement options and discuss how to move forward
- During the last meeting, there was a polling exercise with 5 options presented for engaging renters
 - Top three were selected:
 - i. Add renter resources page to the website
 - SUNA uses SquareSpace
 - Suggest organizing content and populating a page, then working with the site admin (Bob Groethe) to implement
 - Make sure to look at the demographics of the neighborhood to inform whether materials should be provided in other languages
 - ii. Pilot quarterly events with renters (outside of Happy Hours)

- iii. Specifically engage with the Sheridan Neighborhood association, which has a renter engagement program
 - Their program was implemented in the last year and includes materials / resources in multiple languages
- There was a suggestion of using funds to purchase yard signs for advertisement

Minneapolis Federation of Teachers Letter of Support

- Motion to have SUNA sign the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers Letter of Support
 - 4 approved, 2 abstain, Approved.

Treasurer's Report, Joel Chechik

Bank Accounts & Financial Report (Update)

- Statement of Financial Position as of February 29, 2024
 - Total expenditures \$36,675
 - Total revenue \$41,506
 - Net revenue \$4,830
 - Total assets \$66,254

Chili Fest (Update)

- Total Revenue \$1,029
 - 150 people showed up
 - It was very successful!

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn
 - Approved

Upcoming Committee Meetings and Events

- South Uptown Happy Hour: Thu, April 4, 5:30PM at Fool Me Once
- South Uptown Neighborhood Meeting: Tue, April 16, 7PM at 3501 Aldrich Ave S.
- Earth Day Clean Up: Sat, April 20, 9:30AM- 12:00PM at BSp