

South Uptown Neighborhood Association
October 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Jerome Chateau, Cameron Delaney, Blue Delliquanti, Max Ellis, Jordan Gaal, Justin Gardiner, Brad Klein, John Kostouros

Absent: Sophie Snow

Call to Order & Introductions

- * The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.
- * Board Members and attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda & Minutes

- * Motion, seconded to approve the proposed agenda and August 20 meeting minutes. Approved.

Bryant Square Park, Jason Green

- * The Halloween Party is on October 31 between 6-8PM. Donations of bagged, wrapped candy is welcome.
- * The BSP Rec Plus after-school program has a record number of children registered this fall.
- * For more information contact (612) 370-4907 or minneapolisparks.org.

Crime & Safety Update, Inspector Amelia Huffman & Jessica Kowas

- * Huffman is the new Inspector for the 5th Police Precinct covering all of SW Minneapolis. She noted that theft from auto and burglaries are a significant concern in the area.
- * Kowas is the Crime Prevention Specialist for many SW Minneapolis neighborhoods including South Uptown. She recommended never storing things of value in a car including the trunk. The area sees a lot of electronics and money stolen from cars.
- * There appear to be more homeless and people with mental illness challenges throughout the community in the last year. Huffman and Kowas suggested calling 311 to report non-emergency issues observed with such folks. However, call 911 if there appears to be an emergency situation.
- * Klein noted that another Coffee with Cops is scheduled for Saturday, November 9, 10am at BSP. It is an informal conversation with police officers while sharing coffee and doughnuts.

Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, Scott Engel

- * Engel noted that the NR Committee recommended an NRP Plan Modification last summer, which was presented at the August 20 South Uptown meeting. The modification would reallocate \$30,000 from home loan program income to NRP Phase 2 Strategy 11.1 Staff & Office to support administrative costs over the next two years. Motion, seconded to approve the NRP Plan Modification as proposed. Approved.
- * In September the South Uptown Board approved a contract with Mill City Concrete to install the BSP dolphin in the picnic area. Engel expects it to be set into a concrete base by the end of October or early November. The Livability Committee hopes to cover it with mosaic tile turning it into a sculpture next year.

Treasurer's Report, Brad Klein/ Scott Engel

- * The financial report for September was available for review.
- * The Hennepin and Lake Community Wine Tasting Fundraiser was held last week and was a big success. South Uptown is managing the event income and expenses for the multiple

neighborhoods who participate. It isn't completely clear how much South Uptown earned from the event because some expenses have not yet been determined. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and sponsored the event.!

- * Accounting Procedures. Engel presented draft 2019 procedures for managing the organization's finances. This includes selecting TruStone Financial as the bank and Max Ellis (President), John Kostouros (Vice President), and Brad Klein (Treasurer) as account signatories. Motion, seconded to approve the accounting procedures as proposed. Approved.
- * Conflict of Interest: Each year at the October meeting, South Uptown asks volunteers to declare any allegiances they might have, outside of South Uptown, using the Conflict of Interest form. Motion, seconded to approve the form as proposed. Approved. Board Members then filled out and submitted to form for filing.
- * Engel noted that the nonprofit arts organization Ace in the City has leased the basement of Aldrich Church where South Uptown has an office. They plan to completely renovate the space to house multiple nonprofits including South Uptown. This means SU will need to temporarily vacate the space during construction, but will return to a larger office with completely modern facilities.

Adjourn

- * The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.