

Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee (HUNAC)

Committee Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2016

6:30pm – 8pm

Basement, Hamline Library

- DRAFT MEETING NOTES -

HUNAC Members Present: Krista Finstad Hanson, Karen Chaput, Jessica Kopp, Mark Berkson, Roy Neal, Robin Hemenway, Steve Samuelson, Samantha Henningson, JacQui Getty, Cory Quirk (filling in for Paige)

HUNAC Members Absent: Paige Natzke, Michael Jon Olson, Al Ickler, Amy Ireland

Meeting Objectives

- 1) Receive HUNAC member community updates.
- 2) Conduct timely HUNAC business and establish all necessary next steps.
- 3) Discuss Paint the Pavement Project
- 4) Discuss HMC Hibernation and impact on HUNAC and related business

Welcome and Review of the Meeting Objectives and HUNAC Business

ACTIONS/DECISIONS:

The May 2016 meeting notes were reviewed and discussed. No additional edits were suggested. JacQui agreed to post the approved meeting notes on the community page of Hamline University's website.

Committee members discussed whether a quorum should be seven or eight people. Some felt seven was fine as long as all groups were represented. No final decision was made on this, so this will be tabled for a future meeting.

There was a brief discussion on whether proxy committee attendees should have ability to vote. No decision was made, so this will be tabled for a future meeting.

HUNAC Member and Community Updates

- Krista Finstad Hanson stated that Galtier School would not be closing.
- Cory Quirk mentioned there was discussion on campus about future location of the bookstore and whether to move it to an internal building on campus.
- Mark Berkson reported he had spoken with bookstore manager Melanie Farley about window dressings, retail materials for sale that would appeal to neighbors, and about how to make the bookstore more approachable and useful to neighborhood. He said she is open to suggestions and has tried some efforts, such as starting a book club, but hasn't seen much traction.
- Samantha Henningson reported that the Safe Summer Nights even takes place in Hamline Park on Thursday, July 21 from 5-7pm.

- Samantha also reported that the historical surveying project would be moving forward, although she did not know whether there would be enough to discuss yet to meet in August or whether it made sense to wait until September.
- Samantha also reported that Josh from City Planning could present at the September meeting.
- Samantha also reported trees would be going in along Snelling Avenue soon.
- Roy Neal asked for an update on HU's surveys of two Hamline-owned properties. JacQui Getty responded that the request had been made of the CFO's and Facilities Services' offices to share the surveys but that so far that had not happened.
- Roy also gave a recap of what the committee members that met in June worked on.
- Steve Samuelson gave an update on the Hamline Avenue bike path project.

Paint the Pavement Project

Jessica Kopp gave an overview of the proposed Paint the Pavement Project, which would take place on Saturday, September 24 at the intersection of Fry and Hubbard. She, the Hamline Elementary School, the Midway Murals group, and others are working on logistics, including getting waiver signed by home owners on the surrounding blocks. There was discussion about how committee members could help with the promotion, petition-signing work, and other related tasks. Jessica said she would send around an email with details on how committee members could engage.

Hamline Midway Coalition Hibernation and Impact on HUNAC

Steve Samuelson (president of HMC board) gave an overview of the Hamline Midway Coalition's current staffing challenges and that for the summer months, there would be a minimal presence to cover HMC duties and obligations and that the HMC board would be meeting the next day to discuss both short and long term planning for coverage.

Upcoming and Regular Meeting Dates

ACTION/DECISION: Members agreed to meet on Monday, August 15 from 6:30pm-8:30pm only if there were enough agenda items to meet on, or else to have the next meeting happen in September. Members agreed to determine whether to meet in August via email.

Meetings will be continue to be held at the Hamline Library for now from 6:30-8:30pm or 6:30- 8pm, depending on whether committee members can be trained to lock up the building. Robin and Steve said they would check with Library staff.

Upcoming HUNAC Scheduled Meeting and Proposed Meeting Topic

**Monday, September 19, 2016
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Hamline Midway Library**

Proposed Meeting Topic: City of St. Paul PED staff to review Hamline's current, approved Campus Plan and boundaries. Representative from Hamline's leadership team to discuss Hamline's most recent Campus Master Plan.
Goal: shared understanding and informational for newer HUNAC members.

History Tour

Following the HUNAC meeting, interested members took a history tour of the neighborhood, led by Krista Finstad Hanson.