

Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee (HUNAC)

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Green Room, Hamline Church United Methodist,

- DRAFT MEETING NOTES -

HUNAC Members Present: Krista Finstad Hanson, Jessica Kopp, JacQui Getty, Mark Berkson, Page Natzke, Roy Neal, Michael Jon Olson, Steve Samuelson, Al Ickler and Samantha Henningson.

HUNAC Members Absent: Karen Chaput, Robin Hemenway and Amy Schroeder Ireland.

Meeting Facilitation and Documentation: Mariann Johnson, Consultant with the State of MN Office for Collaboration and Conflict Resolution.

Meeting Objectives

- 1) Receive and discuss updates from HUNAC members.
- 2) Discuss member visions for HUNAC and the Hamline Midway Community Neighborhood.
- 3) Given above discussions, identify possible meeting topics/projects for HUNAC to explore and address.
- 4) Complete the HUNAC Charter and conduct necessary HUNAC business.

Welcome and Review of the Meeting Objectives and HUNAC Business

Members welcomed HUNAC's new Hamline University Student Representative, Page Natzke. The evening's meeting agenda and the notes from the February 9th HUNAC meeting were reviewed.

Given the results of the recent email survey, it was announced that the best night for current members to meet is the 3rd Monday of each month.

ACTION/DECISION: The next two HUNAC meetings will be held on Monday, April 18th and Monday, May 16th, from 6:30pm- 8:30pm. HUNAC standing monthly meeting date will be re-evaluated in the fall.

HUNAC Meeting Guidelines

- Spirit of Collaboration (Listening, representing your perspective, ability to see another's perspective, processes used, etc.)
- Balanced participation (Create space for all to participate and have voice in group discussions)
- Diversity of perspective welcome (Group members may agree to disagree on some issues)
- Others (As suggested by group members or the facilitator over time)

Updates/Reports

- Timeline and Process for Hamline University's Internal Campus Space Audit and Planning. Overview provided by JacQui Getty.
 - JacQui announced that the audit is not complete and decisions have not been made regarding the University's internal space usage.
 - A question was raised as to whether there was a plan/process to include neighborhood representatives on the University's campus planning committee.
 - Members would like an update on the property at 1549 Minnehaha, external maintenance.
ACTION/DECISION: When the University's internal space audit is complete and decisions have been reached, the information will be presented to HUNAC.
- City of St. Paul's Historic Preservation Survey and HUNAC's role? Overview provided by Samantha Henningson.
 - Samantha reported on grants submitted to date to fund a possible neighborhood survey.
 - Hamline University also conducted an historic survey of some of its own historic buildings including the Guest House and the Creative Writing building. A request was made to have Hamline University (Lowell) update HUNAC members on the University's survey findings at an upcoming HUNAC meeting.
ACTION/DECISION: At the April HUNAC meeting, City of St. Paul staff will present a complete overview of the Hamline Midway historic survey process.
- Hamline University/Hamline Elementary School Partnership and Upcoming St. Paul School Board Decision. Overview provided by Jessica Koop.
 - Jessica gave an overview of the St. Paul School District's possible closing of Hamline Elementary, and recent community organizing and other activities designed to keep the school open.
 - The Hancock Recreation Center was also discussed and the need to keep a robust recreation center in the neighborhood.
 - HUNAC members discussed what HUNAC might do to collaborate with Hamline Elementary School.
ACTION/DECISION: Jessica will send an email to HUNAC members and invite them to be on the School's email list/be notified of ongoing activities to keep the school from being closed.
- Other Member Updates.
 - Roy Neal announced that HHV and Save Our St. Paul Neighborhoods have partnered to address issues involving the City as a whole, and focusing on political and legislative matters.
 - Roy stated It might be worthwhile to discuss the work of this partnership at an upcoming HUNAC meeting, and how Save Our St. Paul Neighborhoods worked to resolve issues with Macalester College and its neighbors.

Vision for HUNAC and the Hamline Midway Community/Neighborhood

- Members discussed the relationship between the HMC and HUNAC, including how the City of St. Paul might work with both groups and/or how both groups may report to the

City. Members felt HUNAC's role (as outlined in its Charter) concerns the neighborhood and the University, and that HMC's role and scope is much broader.

- Members then identified possible topics for HUNAC to explore. Topics identified (*DRAFT* titles and clustered provided by the facilitator):

Strengthening Relationships/Business Development with Businesses in Close Proximity to the University

- Supporting business development with businesses closest to Hamline University on Snelling Avenue.
- Building and strengthening relationships between the University and its students and area businesses, especially with businesses within 2-3 blocks of the University.
- Community and business development grants available through the City of St. Paul. Seeking and securing funding for community/business development.
- Hamline Midway Investment Coop – possible tie in?

Support of Hamline Elementary School

- Work to actively support Hamline Elementary School.

Involvement with the City's Neighborhood Historic Preservation Surveys

- City's neighborhood Historic Preservation Surveys.

Communication with the Larger Community

- How to promote HUNAC and provide timely updates to the community? Promoting and using the HUNAC webpage on Hamline University's website. HUNAC "Newsletter"? Distribute HUNAC "Newsletter" or updates via other community/neighborhood newsletters.

The following is a list of HUNAC meeting topics that were identified by participants at the Community Meeting held on October 14, 2015:

HUNAC's Support/Development of Neighborhood Partnerships

- Establish an Ongoing Structure for Hamline University Community Dialogue and Partnerships ("*Partnerships*" = Hamline Elementary, Midway Historic Corps Projects, LEAP, Service Learning, Green Spaces)
- Utilizing and promoting the community library
- Snelling and University Avenue Small business support and partnerships

Student Housing and Securing Student Input

- Neighborhood Student housing
- Securing student input

Neighborhood Safety

- Safety in Neighborhood

Hamline University's Properties Owned Outside the Campus Boundaries

- 1549 and Hamline University Properties owned outside the campus boundaries
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Historic Preservation Surveys

- Historic Home Surveys

ACTION/DECISION: This list will be reviewed at the April HUNAC meeting. Al will send Mariann a possible format for prioritizing/listing the priorities.

HUNAC Business

- Members discussed the need to select a co-chair at the April meeting. A suggestion was made to select a woman co-chair.
- Member terms should also be identified in April or May.

ACTION/DECISION: Co-Chair will be selected at the April meeting.

Next Meetings

Monday, April 18th

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: TBA

April 18th Agenda Items:

- City of St. Paul staff presentation on Historic Preservation Survey/process
- Hamline University staff presentation on Historic Surveys conducted on its campus buildings
- Topics for future meetings
- Co-chair selected and other HUNAC business (other business may be moved to the May meeting)

Monday, May 16, 2016

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: TBA

May 16th Agenda Items:

- Hamline University's Internal Campus Space Audit and Space Use Plan
- Others, TBD