

## **Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee (HUNAC) Committee Meeting**

Monday, September 19, 2016

6:00pm – 8pm *Basement, Hamline Library*

### **- DRAFT MEETING NOTES -**

**HUNAC Members Present:** Krista Finstad Hanson, Karen Chaput, Mark Berkson, Steve Samuelson, Samantha Henningson, Al Ickler, Paige Natzke, Melissa Cortes, JacQui Getty

**HUNAC Members Absent:** Roy Neal, Jessica Kopp

### **Meeting Objectives**

- 1) Review July meeting notes, approve them
- 2) Hear presentation from City Planner on campus boundaries
- 3) Discuss possible partnership project with Preservation Alliance Minnesota
- 4) Receive HUNAC member community updates

### **Welcome and Review of the Meeting Objectives**

#### **ACTIONS/DECISIONS:**

The July 2016 HUNAC meeting notes were reviewed and discussed. Three small edits were suggested. JacQui agreed to make the edits and post the approved meeting notes on the community page of Hamline University's website.

The board unanimously approved Melissa Cortes as a new member. She replaces Michael Jon Olson as one of the Hamline Midway Coalition representatives on HUNAC.

A decision was made to adjust future meeting times from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., now that Melissa is on the board and can lock up the library after meetings.

### **Campus Boundaries Study and Related Information**

City Planner Josh Williams presented on campus boundaries, explaining what they are and what the process is to make a change to a campus boundary. He also recapped a study he led last year, which proposed to make changes to the existing guidelines for campus boundary changes. The Planning Commission did not approve the study's recommended changes, and there are no immediate plans to revisit the study or to move forward with additional recommendations at this time.

Josh also spoke, for the benefit of those who were not a part of the facilitated conversations over the past year between Hamline University and the neighborhood, about the issues that arose when houses were removed from Hamline's campus and discussions focused on the future of the house at 1549 Minnehaha, a property owned by Hamline University but outside of the university's campus boundary.

## **Proposed Project with Preservation Alliance Minnesota (PAM)**

Robin Hemenway and JacQui Getty spoke about a possible project that HUNAC, Hamline University, and Preservation Alliance Minnesota (PAM) may pursue. The project, if approved by the University, PAM, and HUNAC, would allow PAM to host “Rehab Labs” at the University-owned house at 1549 Minnehaha. The Rehab Labs are educational, hands-on workshops at which people sign up to attend and learn how to complete some rehabbing skill, such as plastering, painting, stabilizing walls, etc.

The University has not yet vetted this project across its leadership team, and there are a number of questions that still need to be answered. JacQui is circling back to the leadership team to have conversations, including a request for a house tour for PAM.

Samantha Henningson stated that if the University, HUNAC, and PAM all ended up in agreement on this project, that she and Council President Russ Stark would be supportive of the project and would help to work through challenges relating to the house’s Vacancy II status.

HUNAC members spoke enthusiastically about the project, and Robin and JacQui said they would keep the HUNAC members in the loop on any possible developments in the coming weeks. The idea was raised to draft a letter of support from HUNAC for this project and was met with support. That idea was tabled for now, with the intention of circling back when the timing is right to draft and submit such a letter.

## **HUNAC Member and Community Updates**

- Members shared information about Hamline Elementary’s Fall Fest and Hamline University’s Fall Fest.
- Mention and brief discussion on St. Anthony Park and Luther Seminary Project
- Update on Historic Hamline Village support/work regarding historic survey project
- Update on Midway Mural Project and future agenda item to have Jonathan Oppenheimer to a HUNAC meeting in November
- Meeting relocation for November meeting. Amy said she would look into space at the Hamline Church
- Discussion of where on the agenda public input should be noted. This was tabled until next meeting.

## **Upcoming HUNAC Scheduled Meeting and Proposed Meeting Topic**

**October 17, 2016**

**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Hamline Midway Library**

Proposed Meeting Topic: Update on launch of historic survey project, follow up on next steps for possible PAM project