

HUNAC Meeting Notes

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Online

Attendees: Rich Trout (neighbor); Alec Armon (HMC); Christine Weeks (HU)

DISCUSSION

- Introductions
- Hamline University report
 - COVID-19 has changed the [academic calendar](#)
 - COVID-19 cases on campus went up around Halloween but have declined. The campus [dashboard](#) is available to the public.
 - COVID-19 has impacted the university financially
 - [Strategic plan implementation](#) is ongoing
 - A few reports of parties; Hamline processes seemed quiet things down
- Rich reported parties at the student house next door. He has a good relationship with the tenants, mostly men's hockey players. He can call Christine 612-791-3546 if they are unresponsive.
- Student rentals and bad landlords are an emergent issue in the neighborhood. Can students be educated about their rights and responsibilities?
- On a related note, neighbors would like to be informed about any plans that Hamline may have to sell any of its off-campus properties, especially ones that could be potentially scooped up by landlords and turned into rentals.
- Christine noted that the city sought public comment on a change to zoning regarding the meaning of family. (Commenting has closed.)
- Alec mentioned that district councils are working to get a ballot measure passed for the next mayoral race that would be the first step in codifying rent stabilization in the city of Saint Paul. More to come.
- Neighbors are concerned about the losses in the business corridor. Rich pointed out that for restaurants coming to new buildings, there is a \$25,000 sewer fee. He believes that one of the buildings owned by Hamline (740 Snelling Ave) has already paid that fee, which makes the property more appealing to rent for someone who wants to open a restaurant.

ACTION ITEMS

- Christine to share minutes with President's Office.
- Christine to ask past Hamline University Student Congress President Dieu Do about the presentation that her administration did for students last year. (cancelled due to COVID; Christine will approach HUSC this year)