

**Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, December 17, 2018 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Hamline University -- Anderson 304**  
**Approved Minutes**

Attendees: Lynn Farmer (HU); Christine Weeks (HU); Jessica Kopp (Community at large); Karen Chaput (Community at large); Kate Mudge (HMC); Mitra Jilali Nelson (Ward 4 councilmember); Matt Privratsky (Ward 4 councilmember staff); Jean Thilmany (Hamline Church); Rich Trout (Community at large); Roy Neal (Historic Hamline Village).

1. Introductions
2. Discussion
  - a. St. Paul City Councilmember Mitra Jilali Nelson shared her biography. She ran on a platform that focused on housing and housing issues and themes of growth, change and inclusion for St. Paul. After rolling out trash collection, the minimum wage ordinance and wrestling the budget, she hopes to get back to that issue.
  - b. Explanation for the councilmember and other new members that HUNAC emerged from neighborhood opposition to a Hamline campus plan and Hamline University actions toward enacting that plan in 2014, which led to mediation, a halt to demolition of 1549 Minnehaha, and the formation of HUNAC.
    - i. According to the founding charter, the constituents represented on HUNAC are:
      1. Hamline Midway Coalition (2)
      2. Historic Hamline Village (2)
      3. Hamline Church (2)
      4. Hamline University (2)
      5. City of Saint Paul staff representative (1), ex-officio
      6. Hamline Student (1)
      7. The remaining five (5) seats are for the Hamline Midway community at large (ex: business owners, Library, Hamline elementary). Maximum number of members is 15.
  - c. Moving forward, Christine Weeks and Lynn Farmer are the Hamline University representatives. Christine will serve as co-chair.
  - d. The Hamline University Board Facilities sub-committee is in the process of researching options for 1549 Minnehaha Avenue to present to the full Board of Trustees. These options include greenspace. HUNAC has an

opportunity to provide input to those conversations. Considerations include the following:

- i. Hamline University is currently addressing resources toward infrastructure issues in existing buildings between Hewitt and Englewood.
    - ii. University priorities are students and meeting student needs.
  - e. HUNAC can proactively submit a two-page document reflecting the group's recommendations. A document is needed before the next facilities committee meeting in February 2019.
  - f. Members who'd helped found HUNAC noted that they'd previously provided recommendations and suggestions for alternatives to demolition of 1549 Minnehaha.
    - i. Current Hamline representatives were not present for previous recommendations. Roy volunteered to reference and/or compile previous documents.
  - g. It was noted that, despite the recurrence of the topic of 1549 Minnehaha, the relationship with Hamline University is not the same as it was when HUNAC was founded. Lines of communications are now open.
3. Decisions/Announcements
- a. Council person or staff member will be at future HUNAC meetings
  - b. Next meeting will be on Monday, January 14, because January 21 is MLK Day
  - c. Subcommittee consisting of Jessica; Jean and Rich will work on presenting a draft of recommendations to HUNAC for discussion at the January meeting.
  - d. Approval of [November 2018 minutes](#) was deferred until the January meeting to allow for changes.
  - e. Al Ickler of the Hamline Church submitted his resignation from HUNAC via email.
4. Action Items
- a. Christine will obtain "ownership" of HUNAC google drive from Mike Reynolds
  - b. Roy will look for previous recommendations and share with the subcommittee via google
  - c. Christine will secure a meeting room for the next meeting

- d. Next meeting will focus on recommendations and if time allows, vision for the future, and membership.