

Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Monday, February 11 -- 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Hamline University -- Anderson 305
DRAFT- Meeting Notes

Attending: Nick Hanlon (HU, HUSC); Christine Weeks (HU); Lynn farmer (HU); Karen Chaput (neighborhood); Roy Neal (HHV); Jessica Kopp (Hamline Elementary); Richard Trout (neighborhood)

Absent: Kate Mudge (HMC); Jean Thilmany (Hamline Church); Robin Hemenway (HHV); Matt Privatsky (Ward 4); Mariah Tollgaard (HCUM); Steve Samuelson (neighborhood).

1. Introductions

2. DISCUSSION

- a. Suggestions for 1549 Minnehaha were submitted by neighbor subcommittee on January 28 to Lynn Farmer and will be submitted to Hamline leadership. ([Document linked here.](#))
- b. Suggestions for 1549 Minnehaha were submitted to Hamline's student leadership. Nick noted that most students do not know about the house itself and that its demolition would not affect them. He noted too that some students might "latch on" to neighbor concerns if they were told of them. Students had a few ideas for the house. The most interesting are listed below. (A complete write-up, submitted after the meeting, is [linked here.](#))
 - i. Use the house as museum that showcases the Hamline Midway neighborhood and Hamline University's place in the neighborhood. Jessica noted this would be a good resource for Hamline Elementary school. This use might interest other neighborhood groups interested in the history of the community. Karen mentioned that this use would entail significant resources and financing. Also noted by Lynn was that Hamline artifacts are housed in the Alumni House and that Old Main is on the historic register. Both could be opened to the community with prior arrangement. Roy mentioned that Klas Center houses a history exhibit.
 - ii. To create a food pantry and community kitchen, with a green space. This suggestion overlaps with an idea submitted by neighbors as well. It was mentioned that HUCM is rebuilding their kitchen for use as a community, not commercial, kitchen as it was before. Roy mentioned that this use might not align with what the group had suggested.

- iii. Karen noted the dearth of gathering/meeting space in the neighborhood.
- c. Moving HUNAC to the HMC development committee was also discussed. Lynn suggested that understanding the priorities of the neighborhood might help clarify if such a move makes sense.
- d. Jessica is running for school board.

3. DECISIONS

- a. Revised and approved [November 2018](#) meeting notes.
- b. Approved [January 2019](#) meeting notes.
- c. It is worth continuing to explore the possibility of HUNAC coming under HMC as HUNAC redefines its charter.
- d. Next meeting will be March 18 at 6 p.m.

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. All HUNAC constituent groups will submit a list of **three priorities** for the neighborhood. If members of the groups cannot attend, these priorities need to be submitted in writing to Karen or Christine by March 18 at noon for consideration at the next meeting. The specific groups are: neighbors, HMC; HCUM; Ward 4 Councilmember Office; HHV; Hamline University; and Hamline students.
- b. HUNAC members Karen and Roy will review the charter. (2016-2017 version [here](#).) The goal is to inform a group discussion about the mission and goals moving forward, including the option to become part of the Development Committee of HMC.
- c. Christine will reserve a room for the next meeting.