

**Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, January 14, 2019 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Hamline University -- Anderson 305**  
**Approved-Minutes**

Attendees: Jessica Kopp (at-large); Richard Trout (at large); Jean Thilmany (HCUM); Mariah Tollgaard (HCUM); Roy Neal (HHV); Robin Hemenway (HHV); Lynn Farmer (HU Leadership); Christine Weeks (HU); Kate Mudge (HMC)

1. Introductions

**Discussion**

2. No one remembers why the approval of the [November 2018 minutes](#) was delayed. Need to wait for Karen.
3. Review of 2-page document containing suggestions for 1549 Minnehaha from subcommittee of HUNAC
  - a. Subcommittee of Richard, Jessica and Jean met and came up with a draft document (LINK)
  - b. Considered student-focus of university and crafted ideas around shared use, ideas that avoided the need to tear down house
    - i. Sale to someone who'd turn it into a private residence
    - ii. Neighborhood community kitchen and garden to address food insecurity
    - iii. Business incubator - "a gateway to the campus"
  - c. It was noted that the university has green spaces in the neighborhood that could be gardens now, but they're not being used that way currently.
  - d. Other ideas, including an "honors house" had been brought up previously
    - i. Roy is still working on gathering all of the ideas as there were a number of them in the last four years.
  - e. Mariah asked what is the highest priority regarding 1549 Minnehaha. Representatives from HHV said the preservation of the house is the highest priority. Demolition would represent a loss of four years of work from their perspective and would trigger a call for larger community participation.
  - f. Kate said HMC doesn't have an official position on demolition of 1549 Minnehaha but offered to play a role in gathering opinions. Noted that the groundwork has been laid for a community kitchen through a project

called, “Midway Nest” and that funders were interested in that past. Also noted a Star grant for the Church had been approved.

- g. Mariah asked what a good process might look like for HUNAC and the group noted that questions, deeper collaboration, decision-maker involvement, deeper engagement with a solution-focus would work. Mariah suggested that the group get feedback on the ideas from at least one student.
  - h. Mariah noted the significant investment Hamline has made in the relationship with the presence of Lynn at the meetings and continued engagement with leadership over the last four years.
  - i. Subcommittee wants to include January meeting input in the final document that gets submitted.
  - j. Lynn recommended prioritizing the short list that will be taken to leadership (university president and CFO).
4. Moving HUNAC to HMC
- a. Kate mentioned that HMC Board and Development committee are open to HUNAC becoming part of HMC. Seems like a good fit. HMC has resources. Good time to consider the move since HUNAC charter expired in December 2018.
  - b. Lynn mentioned that the University is engaged with HMC and is supportive of moving HUNAC within HMC. HMC is the “big tent” for neighborhood initiatives and concerns.
    - i. Christine advocated for fewer HUNAC meetings while acknowledging the need for meetings around 1549 Minnehaha right now.
  - c. Robin asked about what the process of incorporating HUNAC into HMC
    - i. Kate said it would be a subcommittee or working group of HMC

## Decisions

- 5. Approval of [December 2018 minutes](#) - Approved
- 6. Approval of November 2018 minutes tabled for Karen to contribute.
- 7. HUNAC will formally submit a 2 page document on January 28 for Lynn to bring to leadership.
- 8. Due to President’s Day next meeting was rescheduled for February 11.
- 9. Meeting times moved to 6pm from 6:30.

## **Action Items**

- 1) Richard, Jessica and Jean will send an electronic document (2 pages; prioritized list) to Lynn by January 28
- 2) Christine will secure a room for February 11(Anderson 305 is reserved.)