

HUNAC Meeting Notes - Draft
Wednesday, June 23,2021 · 6:15 – 8:00pm
Hamline University Anderson Center, Room 111

Attendees: (In-person) Rich Trout; Christine Weeks; Lisa Garepy; and, Alec Armon (Phone)

I. Discussions

- A. February 2021 minutes approved
- B. Nuisance properties/bad landlords: Lisa (representing neighbors on Hewitt from Snelling to Aldine; a few folks on Aldine), Millenium Management has purchased 7 properties within the block and more throughout the neighborhood. Many student renters. Properties not well maintained. Rental properties get graded; and certified when purchased and then never again. Millenium adds extra windows to increase the number of folks in the house. Neighbors worry that there will be more students given the increase in people that can live in the house. Landlord doesn't register the properties. City should reevaluate the ratings after tenants move out.
 - 1. Relevant to Hamline because students live in substandard houses. Trash piles up; rodents come. No one mows or shovels. No follow-up on the CSO complaints. Parties with fires in a fire pit.
 - 2. Also, students are disrespectful to neighbors. No understanding of how to keep neighbors or themselves safe. Families around. When there's five there's 10 cars. Blocking up the street. Block driveways. Stand in other peoples' yards. Hamline's dry campus lead to off-campus drinking. (Note: Hamline is not a dry campus but that was not explained at the meeting.)
 - 3. Lisa does introduce herself. It takes time to develop relationships then the students move out.
 - 4. Can Hamline institute a Code of conduct? Good neighbor policy that leads to discipline?

Action items: Christine will provide contact info to neighbors. Also, she will talk to Javier Guittierez about student conduct and possible trainings for students.

- C. Traffic calming on Minnehaha Ave (Rich) - This seems to be an area of mutual benefit. Speeding on Minnehaha and no enforcement of traffic laws. Have seen accidents where cars end up on the sidewalk. Daycare kids from church. Parking inhibits visuals. Lisa said that the amount of traffic on Hewitt has grown; people are driving recklessly
 - 1. Alec reported that Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) is gathering info on dangerous intersections and pavement overlay might be imminent based on the schedule. Random traffic cone in the street can slow things too. Loss of trees increases speeds. Englewood and Snelling will get a traffic light, including epainting the crosswalk on; could be soon.

Action items: Christine will talk to Mariah (pastor at HUMC) about neighbor concerns regarding traffic and will send a link to the [Engage Midway](#) platform to Rich and Lisa.

D. Tree re-planting plans (Rich) - Earthkeepers planting trees. They have approached HMC for support around that.

1. What is the University's experience with the city? Grinding stumps? Were they receptive? If so, how?

Action items: Christine to ask Ken about how he got the stumps ground quickly.

II. Updates from Hamline University

- In person for the 2021-2022 school year (Classes begin Aug 30, 2021)
- Still deciding on vaccine policy
- Drew residence hall renovation

F. What is going on in the Fan building? Alec reports there is a meeting tomorrow at Snelling Cafe about the fan building with AEDS.

Meeting Adjourned.