

- FINAL MEETING NOTES -

HUNAC Members Present: Robin Hemenway, Samantha Henningson, Amy Ireland, Roy Neal, Jessica Kopp, Karen Chaput, Mark Berkson, Al Ickler, Paige Natzke, Melissa Cortes, JacQui Getty

HUNAC Members Absent: Melissa Cortes, Steve Samuelson, Krista Finstad Hanson

Meeting Objectives

- Review October meeting notes, approve them
- Hear presentation from Hamline University administration
- Discuss public comment process for future HUNAC meetings
- Receive HUNAC member community updates

Welcome and Review of the Meeting Objectives

ACTIONS/DECISIONS:

The October 2016 HUNAC meeting notes were distributed in advance of the meeting, and no members offered changes. The members present determined that since no one offered changes, the notes should be posted to the community page of Hamline University's website. JacQui said she would do this.

MIDWAY MURALS PRESENTATION

Jonathan Oppenheimer presented on a proposed mural for the side of the building adjacent to the SA on the corner of Snelling Ave and Englewood. It is a Hamline-owned Snelling-facing property. Jonathan explained he had met with Hamline representatives who had approved the exploration of such a project. Jonathan said he then met with several Hamline faculty and community members to brainstorm ideas around the mural, such as student collaboration, faculty and course involvement, community involvement, and more. He presented to HUNAC to gauge interest and to keep the community in the loop for future involvement. He has a working group and will meet with them again in mid-December (HUNAC members were invited to attend if interested).

Recommendations that come out of that meeting will go to Hamline leadership for consideration. Jonathan hopes the project could happen in the next year (spring or fall).

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION'S PRESENTATION ON CAMPUS PLAN

Hamline administrators Margaret Tunseth (SVP for Business, Finance, and Technology), Tony Grundhauser (VP for Institutional Advancement), and Lowell Bromander (AVP of Facilities Services) attended the meeting so that Margaret could present on the university's existing campus master plan (which has not been updated since 2014). She

came to offer HUNAC members who had not been part of the facilitated conversations over the past year an understanding of Hamline's existing campus plan, and she also wanted to explain what has and hasn't been completed over the past year, why, and what's ahead.

Margaret talked about the move of the former law school and how that has opened up a lot of space on the interior of campus, allowing the university to begin re-imagining space use now and in the coming years. She talked about internal moves, and how some of those have affected Hamline's footprint- such as the move of Graduate Admissions from 734 Snelling Ave to the former law school building and how by December 2017 when the bookstore's lease is up on Snelling Ave, the bookstore will also move to an interior part of Hamline's campus. She talked about some of the areas that have been built out inside the former law school building- with a commuter lounge, Center for Justice and Law, student services, and also the Hamline School of Education (which is now housed in one location instead of being fragmented into nine separate spaces around campus).

Margaret was asked what Hamline plans to do with 1549 Minnehaha and with other Hamline-owned properties that are outside of the university's official 'campus boundary'. She did not have an answer for that, saying at this time, Hamline is focused on moves internally on campus and will rethink its master plan in the future, with regard to the edges of campus, because we now have so much interior space that had not been anticipated when the last campus master plan map was created. Members of HUNAC asked for better clarification on which properties Hamline owns and which are outside of the campus boundary. Samantha Henningson said she thought the City had that information and could share it.

Members of HUNAC expressed frustration that the university was unwilling to begin examining/exploring/explaining what it would be doing with the properties not inside the campus boundary and pushed for perhaps a future meeting that would be an opportunity to talk through what Hamline is currently doing with those properties and what it may do in the future, as it now does not appear to be following its existing, printed campus master plan. There was also discussion about whether and when Hamline will create a new campus master plan that is relevant and updated or that it will disavow it's existing one (as it does not really seem to be following it anyway). Margaret said that she does not know of any college that does not have a campus plan and that while we are obviously not following everything on the plan created in 2014, that until we have it formally updated (which is expensive and involves a lot of work and planning), it is a "guidepost and not a hitching post" for the university.

Members of HUNAC asked whether Margaret would share the historical surveys that Hamline had commissioned in the past year or so on two properties (Alumni House and CWP House). Margaret said those are inside the current campus boundary, and as they were privately commissioned she had no obligation to share them. Samantha asked whether they could be shared with the City when the Midway historical survey project

commences, and Margaret said she the City was welcome to send a request, but there was not a promise to provide them.

When the Hamline administrators left, HUNAC members discussed next steps for conversations with the university about the campus master plan, Hamline-owned properties, and the campus boundary.

One suggested step was to write a formal letter to Hamline (administrators or Facilities Committee of the Board) asking for a meeting to discuss these items and for the university to provide some kind of timeline on its decision-making, so the neighborhood could be kept apprised of developments and be able to offer input and advice along the way. A small group of HUNAC members volunteered to work on that letter to present to the rest of the HUNAC group for input before it's sent.

PUBLIC COMMENT AT FUTURE HUNAC MEETINGS

A revised draft of a form laying out the process for public comment was reviewed at the meeting. With a few small tweaks to language, the proposed language was approved, as was the process for where public comments would fall during HUNAC meetings.

HUNAC Member and Community Updates

- Jessica Kopp shared that Hamline Elementary is applying for a grant to do a fence-weaving project on the iron fence next to the school. She gained approval from the Hamline Midway Coalition for HMC to be a fiscal sponsor if Hamline Elementary receives the grant. Even with the grant, she said the school will need to raise about \$2500 to complete the project as it is envisioned. She said she would keep HUNAC updated on progress.
- Roy Neal and JacQui Getty offered an update on the Preservation Alliance Minnesota 'rehab lab' projects proposed to take place in Hamline-owned 1549 Minnehaha Avenue residence. PAM officials toured the site and said they could see a few rehab labs being offered there in the future but that there would need to be considerable clean up done before that happened. PAM rep asked whether there could be a neighborhood clean-up effort to get the house in better shape to be used for rehab labs. It was determined by HUNAC that a letter from HUNAC requesting Hamline University move forward with the PAM project be drafted. JacQui said she would take this on and send it around to HUNAC members via email before the next HUNAC meeting.

Upcoming HUNAC Scheduled Meeting and Proposed Meeting Topic **January 30, 2017 from 6:30-8:30pm in Hamline Library (basement).**

Proposed Future Meeting Topics:

Discussion on draft of letter to Hamline regarding campus master plan/Hamline-owned properties future meeting or updates on these items

Discussion on draft of letter to Hamline regarding PAM project

Other?