

Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee (HUNAC) Committee Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2016

6:30pm – 8:30pm *Basement, Hamline Library*

- DRAFT MEETING NOTES -

HUNAC Members Present: Krista Finstad Hanson, Roy Neal, Jessica Kopp, Karen Chaput, Mark Berkson, Al Ickler, Paige Natzke, Melissa Cortes, JacQui Getty

HUNAC Members Absent: Samantha Henningson, Steve Samuelson, Amy Ireland

Meeting Objectives

- 1) Review September meeting notes, approve them
- 2) Hear presentation from Heritage Preservation Committee on Historic Survey Project
- 3) Discuss public comment process for future HUNAC meetings
- 4) Receive HUNAC member community updates

Welcome and Review of the Meeting Objectives

ACTIONS/DECISIONS:

The September 2016 HUNAC meeting notes were reviewed and discussed. The minutes were approved (pending any additional changes that Mark Berkson had previously sent JacQui Getty, which she said she'd review and send around again only if they were major changes suggested by Mark).

JacQui said she would post the approved meeting notes on the community page of Hamline University's website.

HISTORICAL SURVEY PROJECT AND FUTURE OF HPC

Amy Spong and Christine Boulware of Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) presented an update on the historical survey project for the Hamline-Midway neighborhood. They discussed a new development with this work, in that Amy Spong is leaving her position for a position with the State of MN. That means Christine will fully take on the Hamline-Midway project.

HPC received both grants for the Hamline-Midway project that it was seeking. There is still some paperwork that needs to be done to receive the funds. They will then create an RFP for contractors and from there, select a contractor. The contractor's work is pre-defined and does allow for an early meeting with HUNAC and for another meeting to present its findings at the end of the project.

Because of Amy's departure, they have some catching up to do, and they plan to move things forward so they stay on the existing timeline for wrap up of the project (as it needs to be completed by June 1, per one of the grants).

The City of St. Paul will send a press release out and notices to neighbors about surveyors being in the area so that residents understand they will not be asked to allow the surveyor into their homes. Once the report is completed, it will be posted online.

PUBLIC COMMENT AT FUTURE HUNAC MEETINGS

A draft of a form laying out the process for public comment was reviewed at the meeting. Members discussed whether it was more valuable to have public comment always rise to the top of the agenda or whether it made sense to have comment on agenda items just before agenda items were discussed. It was also suggested that perhaps the structure could be left up to the members to vote on at the meeting (as to whether or not to allow comments before agenda items or to have them all happen at the top of the meeting). Al Ickler said he'd revise the draft language with the members' suggestions and bring it to the next meeting for review and approval.

HUNAC Member and Community Updates

- Roy Neal and JacQui Getty gave brief updates on the proposed Preservation Alliance Minnesota (PAM) project for 1549 Minnehaha. PAM reps have not yet set up their tour of the property. Once they do, and if PAM agrees it is a space that can be used for their Rehab Lab projects, HUNAC can then draft a letter of support for this project, asking Hamline University to partner with PAM and move the project forward.
- Krista Finsted Hanson and Roy Neal met with Mary Bakeman at Hamline Church, United Methodist regarding archival information about the neighborhood. They are looking into ways to better share all of the information about the Hamline-Midway neighborhood and how the neighborhood has evolved over the years. It might be in the form of a Wiki.
- Jessica Kopp shared that Hamline Elementary has received a grant to become a full service community school (with dental, medical, social work, etc assistance for students and families) More to come. This hasn't been announced yet broadly.
- Karen Chaput shared Ecumen is developing land in St. Anthony Park and asking for HUD money for it so Section 106 is enacted. First meeting is Oct 26 with consulting agencies and to talk about process. Ecumen is already seeking residents for the senior housing units that will be built. Three houses are slated to be removed there.

Upcoming HUNAC Scheduled Meeting and Proposed Meeting Topic

November 21, 2016

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Hamline Church, United Methodist (parlour room)

Proposed Meeting Topic: Campus master planning recap and discussion with HUNAC members- with Hamline University SVP for Business, Finance and Technology Margaret Tungseth. Also from Hamline University- Associate VP of Facilities Services Lowell Bromander and VP for Institutional Advancement Tony Grundhauser will be present.

Public comment discussion would continue at next meeting, as well.