

Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee
June 1 , 2019 -- 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Hamline University -- East 7
Approved Meeting Notes

Attending: Christine Weeks (HU); Lynn Farmer (HU); Karen Chaput (neighborhood); Richard Trout (neighborhood); Kate Mudge (HMC); Roy Neal (HHV); Matt Privatsky (Ward 4); Mariah Tollgaard (HCUM).

Absent: Jean Thilmany (HCUM); Nick Hanlon (HU, HUSC); Jessica Kopp (Hamline Elementary); Steve Samuelson (neighborhood); Robin Hemenway (HHV).

DISCUSSION

- 1) Robin Hemenway of HHV [resigned from HUNAC via email](#) before the meeting.
- 2) Roy Neal announced the withdrawal of Historic Hamline Village (HHV) from HUNAC. The key issue for HHV was 1549 Minnehaha Avenue. Since the university has made a decision there is no role for HHV. HHV will work with the community in other ways to influence city/local laws around historic preservation.
 - a) Roy voiced disappointment that the university would reject the overture and idea of sale from the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota.
 - b) Lynn noted that PAM had 5 years to submit ideas and that they'd already toured the property once. The property is uninhabitable, unsafe, not historic, and not for sale.
- 3) Someone posed a question, "Is there a role for HUNAC moving forward?" Lynn and Christine affirmed the need for a formal two-way communication vehicle between the University and the neighbors.
- 4) Since HHV is leaving HUNAC, the approved structure for inclusion in Hamline Midway Coalition needs to be amended.
- 5) Karen and Rich expressed disappointment in the collaborative process. Expressed a desire for more inclusion in the strategic planning. Lynn noted that HUNAC has been as much a part of the process thus far as key stakeholders through the submission of ideas directly to the Board of Trustees. The strategic plan is not ready to be shared externally as it has not been shared yet internally. The campus modernization plan is part of the strategic plan and is focussed on the buildings inside campus boundaries and electrical and technology infrastructure of the university.
- 6) Mariah noted that the previous five years provided opportunities for community engagement and continued conversation, which is positive.
- 7) Rich asked for notification of the date of demolition and commented that immediate neighbors should be notified.
- 8) Christine reminded the group that Hamline will plant 4 trees on properties on Minnehaha and that there is an ice cream social on August 1.

DECISIONS

- 1) The HUNAC structure will be revised to reflect that HHV is not part of the organization. Other revisions include simplification of membership process (no application) and addition of a Hamline student. [Revised document linked here.](#)
- 2) Moving forward meetings will be on third Wednesday of September, November, February and April.
- 3) HUNAC needs to work on recruitment and increasing diversity of its members. Matt agreed to share email list from renters summit. Christine will include a call for new members on upcoming mailing.
- 4) A new co-chair needs to be selected from among the participating neighbors.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Matt P. will share email list from renters summit.
- 2) Hamline will notify immediate neighbors of demolition date when it is known.
- 3) Christine will secure a meeting room for next meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6 p.m.
- 4) Kate will share open HUNAC roles in HMC communication.
- 5) Christine will add open roles to mailer communication for Ice Cream Social. She will also put this on the website.

Proposed Agenda Items for September

1. Review and approval of revised structure.
2. Selection of new co-chair
3. Review status of open HUNAC seats
4. Review community engagement plan
5. Invite Margaret Tungseth to update the group in November or February?