

Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Monday, May 20, 2019 -- 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Hamline University -- East 5
Draft Meeting Notes

Attending: Christine Weeks (HU); Lynn Farmer (HU); Karen Chaput (neighborhood); Jessica Kopp (Hamline Elementary); Richard Trout (neighborhood) Kate Mudge (HMC); Steve Samuelson (neighborhood); Robin Hemenway (HHV); Roy Neal (HHV).

Absent: Jean Thilmany (Hamline Church); Matt Privatsky (Ward 4); Mariah Tollgaard (HCUM); Nick Hanlon (HU, HUSC). .

DISCUSSION

- 1) Kate presented [April meeting recap with a new document of HUNAC's scope](#). In brief, HUNAC will be a stand-alone committee of Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC). Slight tweaks were made to the document in regard to community membership. These changes are reflected in the linked document. No need for HMC to change bylaws. Jessica and Karen will stay on until new members from the neighborhood are in place. Ideally, this will occur at the September meeting. Next step is for the revised document to be presented to the HMC Board for approval. Vote to approve was passed unanimously by HUNAC members.
- 2) Roy related conversations with PAM regarding 1549 Minnehaha.
 - a) HHV met with Natalie the education coordinator of Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM), Kate, and Josh Williams of St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) to talk about the Hamline trustee decision to demolish the house at 1549 Minnehaha.
 - b) Roy says PAM is interested in purchasing the structure as a Rehab Lab and says the city supports the idea. (This idea was last discussed with HUNAC in [March 2018](#) but with no formal resolution.) Roy also said that it was not included in the suggestions of [January 2019](#) because the subcommittee focused on the idea of serving current Hamline students as that is an institutional priority.
 - c) Per this conversation, Roys said PAM is planning to approach the University with an ask for a donation or if they can buy the property. As a first step, PAM will reach out to see if M. Tungseth will let them see the house with their contractor. The idea is to let PAM rehab the property to serve neighbors.
 - d) Steve noted that HUNAC should want to create long term plan that city, university and HMC can agree on.
 - e) Lynn noted that the university board had voted on the matter. As previously discussed, any proposals had to serve the educational mission of the university with a focus on students and had to address funding sources.
 - f) Kate asked what is the role of HUNAC in this situation?

- g) Robyn asked that the university leadership engage with PAM. Roy offered a motion to ask the administration to consider the PAMs proposal; Second from Rich Trout.
- h) Is Hamline talking to developers? Per Lynn, the university's priority is assessing current and future digital and physical infrastructure needs for all its properties.
- 3) Hamline is considering planting trees on Minnehaha.
- 4) Hamline is hosting an Ice Cream Social for the Neighborhood on August 1 in Anderson Center.

DECISIONS

- 1) HUNAC will become a committee of HMC (unanimously approved)
- 2) HUNAC will advise the university to work with PAMs as they explore the rehab lab possibility. (Vote: In favor: Rich, Steve, Rich, Karen, Jessica, Robyn; Roy Opposed: Lynn, Christine, Abstained: Kate)
- 3) Next meeting Monday, June 17, 2019, 6-7:30.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Kate to ask Matt P. how Ward 4 would like to be involved in the HUNAC moving forward.
- 2) Kate to present the HUNAC document to HMC board for a vote on approval.
- 3) A small group will draft a letter to Margaret T. asking her to consider PAMs offer.
- 4) Christine will secure a meeting room for next meeting

RELEVANT NOTES

- 1. On May 21, HMC's board voted to approve the inclusion of the revised HUNAC structure as a committee of the coalition.
- 2. Christine Weeks received notice that, at the April church council meeting, Hamline Church United Methodist voted to approved HUNAC's inclusion in HMC as a stand-alone committee.