

## **Hamline University Neighborhood Advisory Committee (HUNAC) Committee Meeting**

Monday, May 15, 2017

6:30pm – 8:30pm *Hamline Midway Library*

**HUNAC Members Present:** Samantha Henningson, Al Ickler, Steve Samuelson, Melissa Cortes, Krista Finstad Hanson, Gail Nosek (interim for JacQui Getty), Amy Ireland, Mark Berkson, Karen Chaput

**HUNAC Members Absent:** Robin Hemenway, Roy Neal, Jessica Kopp, Paige Natzke

### **Meeting Objectives**

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Review April meeting notes, approve them
- 3) Respond to letter from Margaret Tungseth
- 4) Discuss PAM MOU

### **Welcome and Review of the Meeting Objectives**

#### **ACTIONS/DECISIONS:**

The April 2017 HUNAC meeting notes were distributed in advance of the meeting, and no members offered changes. The notes will be posted to the neighbors' section of Hamline University's website by Gail Nosek.

### **RESPOND TO LETTER FROM MARGARET TUNGSETH**

(Background) Hamline Vice President for Business and Finance Margaret Tungseth wrote a letter in response to HUNAC's request to have an additional meeting with university leadership and a trustee regarding campus planning efforts. The letter stated that before a new campus master plan is created, the university will first need to undergo strategic planning, and that process (strategic planning) has not yet started. The letter stated strategic planning will likely take place in FY18 (Sept 2017- June 2018), but not before that time.

While there was general acknowledgment and understanding that Hamline leadership must undergo an internal process for its strategic plan, there was concern about the possible length of the process, and about vague language surrounding how and when HUNAC would be notified of and involved in the process.

In particular, there was concern over the condition and upkeep of 1549 Minnehaha during that time and over the possibility that the property would be allowed to deteriorate as the overall strategic and campus planning decisions were being made. In addition, there was the question of whether the existing

campus plan is still 'in play' and a continued desire to have an in-person discussion between HUNAC and a decision-maker at the VP level at the university.

Mark Berkson plans to meet with Margaret to discuss her letter and how it was perceived by members of HUNAC, and reiterate the desire of the neighborhood to be part of the campus-planning process and to engage in dialogue with Hamline decision-makers in-person at HUNAC meetings twice a year. Mark said he would also contact Lowell Bromander about the list of Hamline-owned homes mentioned in Margaret's letter. The list would include information about how the homes are currently being used and what is being done to maintain them. Mark hopes to have this list for the next HUNAC meeting.

## **MOU**

Hamline University has requested HUNAC and PAM present an MOU, summing up the project and the responsibilities and expectations of each partner for this project. Roy was not able to be present at the meeting, but sent an email indicating he had started working on a draft of the MOU with the hope that the draft would be ready to review at the next HUNAC meeting. Once approved by HUNAC, the MOU will be sent to Hamline VP Margaret Tungseth for her review.

The suggestion was made that the discussion about 1549 Minnehaha be de-coupled from the rest of HUNAC business. The question was raised about whether the house could be sold and whether that was attempted previously. Samantha brought up the point that 1549 has been in Vacancy 2 status for two years as of May 2017. Mark suggested that HUNAC might plan ahead in the event that 1549 was taken down so that the group can discuss what they would like to see in that spot (e.g. community garden, etc).

Karen brought up that work to build a process for how HUNAC and the university can work together and on what projects hasn't been established. With the historic survey coming up, Krista mentioned that involving a Hamline student as part of an internship, or working with one of Anthropology Professor Brian Hoffman's classes, might be a good way to engage more of the university community in the process.

## **Upcoming HUNAC Scheduled Meeting and Proposed Meeting Topic**

Monday, June 19 from 6:30-8:30pm in Hamline Library (basement).