**UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm**

**ZOOM**

**UPDC BOARD MINUTES FOR October 2, 2024**

**Minutes taken by: Allen Saunders, secretary**

**Members Present:** Allen Saunders, Leah Timberlake-Sullivan, April King, Sarah Swisher, Sarah Dvorak, Demetrius Shaw, Kirsten Fryer, Rachel Callahan , Kent T, Lisa Nelson, Kris Durfee,

Yvonne Hundshamer, Rachel Callahan, Dean Cummings, Claire Warren, Scott Berger, Dan Elenbasas,

**7:00 pm Call to Order and Welcome (called to order at 7:06pm** Sarah Dvorak

**7:05 pm Consent Agenda** Sarah Dvorak

* *Approve the agenda for this meeting*
* *Approve September minutes*

Motion to approve agenda & minutes by:\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconded: Kirsten

Motion passed.

**7:10 pm Open Forum**  Sarah Dvorak

* Upcoming Elections

Kirsten Fryer gave an update regarding the Hamline Midway coalition. They have made bold recommendations for safety and security in Midway areas. Register for town hall meeting on Oct. 17 for the Hamline/Midway meeting. It would be good for UPDC to be present at the meeting from 6:00-8:00pm.

Lisa Nelson feels that UPDC needs to be an integral part of the process in discussing and providing input to decisions made regarding safety and security in the area. Rachel Callahan shared that she appreciates how we humanize the situation and we take a humane approach to solutions with compassion. Lisa Nelson recommends that UPDC appoints a task force to focus on the issues at Snelling/University. Kirsten feels that she would be willing to serve on such a task force. Sara indicated that the issue of a task force would be addressed at one of our upcoming meetings.

The Annual Board Meeting will be held on December 4 at 7:00pm at our Spruce Tree location in the Board Room for election of Board Members/officers.

**7:30 pm Committee reports and updates**

* Land Use & Economic Development (CLUED) Dean Cummings
  + ***Action Item:***
* 1905-1909-1913 Iglehart is looking to split into 5 lots. Stage one is to build 3 houses and sell them.
  + - CLUED voted to write a letter of recommendation.

Dean discussed the development of the Augusta Corner which would split the property into 5 lots. Dean shared a drawing of the project for houses and parking. They need a re-platting of the lots. The houses would “not be starter houses” but would cost more than that. Potential prices have not been shared. This originally was the Tierney property. Rachel voiced concern that the developer didn’t reach out to neighbors prior to when it comes to the Board. Said that she wouldn’t be in favor of voting for the project unless neighbors have opportunities to know about the project. Scott & Sara stated that the use of the property has not changed and is providing an opportunity for needed family housing. Motion to approve: Dean Cummimgs;\_all but one in favor-1 abstention; motion passes

Dean said that another project is coming before CLUED which is a more dramatic change. The location is on Selby Ave. across from the St. Thomas football field. The proposal is to build a 6 unit apartment on each lot. Moving from single family homes to 12 apartment units. There would be a total of 8 parking spots two of which would be handicapped accessible. Neighbors are concerned about the possibility of 40 extra cars needing parking in the area.

* Transportation Lisa Nelson

Volunteered at the Allianz World Clean-up Day. Kathleen Brown & Jeremy Ellison from the police department reported at our last meeting that they received funding to do extra policing along Cretin Avenue, but that the funding for this effort may not be available in the future.

* Neighborhood Sustainability & Vitality Committee (NSVC) Yvonne Hundshamer

Yvonne reports that No-Mow area is expanding in the area around Merriam Park. Lisa Nelson would like

To propose that UPDC representatives attend the Oct. 17 Hamline/Midway Meeting

* WSNAC Jerome

According to Jerome (not present) the stadium project is moving forward.

**8:30 pm Staff Report** Leah Timberlake Sullivan

Leah stated that Ice Cream Peanut Butter & Jam was very successful and well attended. We will not have an Ameri-Corp person assigned to us this year. There is a position posting with St. Thomas for work with UPDC. Abby would like to continue working with us for an additional year. Leah put in a plea for volunteers for the Midway Peace Park for Oct. 6. She sent out a spreadsheet for help for volunteers to help. Library representatives will be there. Health partners will be there to give free blood pressure checks. MnDot will also be there to present the ideas for I-94. Demetrius wants ideas for desserts; will be inflatables, bubbles, etc. The event is being promoted by the community with flyers for the event in the area. Sign up to help if at all possible.

See Leah if you’d like to help out with grant writing for projects in UPDC.

**9:00 pm Adjourn-Motion to adjourn-Kirsten, 2nd-April; motion passed unanimously.**