**UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm**

**ZOOM**

**UPDC Board Minutes for July 10 Meeting**

**7:00 pm Call to Order and Welcome** Sarah Dvorak

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Present at the meeting were: Allen Saunders, Yvonne Hundshamer, Dean Cummings, Lisa Nelson, Sara Swisher, Jane McClure,Scott Berger, Ellen Fee, Sarah Dvorak, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Mark Morrow; Leah Timberlake Sullivan; April King, Kent T., Andrew Percic

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

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

Motion to approve: Jerome Brenner & Scott Berger 2nd; It was approved

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

Sarah-stated that Leah is using the Owl format so that some can go to the office and meet in person. The virtual meeting will go on simultaneously.

April King: There was a Music Festival at Allianz field on July Jube 28 and 29th. The decibel level across the street was over 75DB. They had a noise permit granted by the city with a 90DB limit. The decibel level was not tested to April’s knowledge. April recommends that the sound level be measured by the city and/or the venue coordinator. Many police officers were present. It ended on time. April also said that lower frequencies are more of a problem.

Lisa Nelson: Residents in the neighborhood were not notified in advance. Need to distinguish between residential and commercial in

Mark Morrow: Worthy to have conversation with United Village and also our Council Member.

Lisa: Another music festival is scheduled for September 21.

Sarah: This has not been a problem in the past, but perhaps we need to get more involved with these permits in the future.

Jerome: Request an official report from Dept. of Safety Inspection and Licensure Permits.

Scott: Concordia also has loud sporting events; Dean said that Concordia doesn’t need to apply for permits.

Sarah: Request from DSI & Licensing information about the concert & request that this data be measured and reported in the future. Not discouraging events, but should not have windows shaking and the amount of disruption. Also need to communicate with our Council Member. Meet with United Village to discuss concerns.

Mark Morrow will report to Mike Holm our concerts and we need to work together with United Village.

Leah: Complaints were received as far away as Summit Avenue. This was an unusually loud sound level.

Caroline: Confirmed that Mac-Groveland was quite loud & event went on quite a while.

Motion to approve communication with DSI & Licensing regarding the concerns outlined above. April & 2nd by Jerome to act on this as discussed under Sarah above. Motion was approved

**7:30 pm** **New Grid Directors –** *Action Item* Sarah Dvorak

Welcome to Andrew Percic- Grid 1 & Sara Swisher will represent Grid 2; Introduced themselves to the group.

Claire moved to accept the new members & Kent T 2nd the motion: unanimously approved.

**7:40 pm Committee reports and updates**

* Land Use & Economic Development (CLUED) Dean Cummings

Mark: quiet month for CLUED; playground was installed & is open; the Loon structure is supposed to happen within the next month.

* Transportation Lisa Nelson

Lisa Nelson: Discussed our Bike Ride in lieu of a formal meeting this month & had a great ride.

Allen: discussed the advantages of the Bryant Ave bikeway. We need to understand this for the development of the Summit Avenue & Pelham Blvd.

* Neighborhood Sustainability & Vitality Committee (NSVC) Ellen Fee

Ellen: No-Mow event in Merriam Park in June; trying to engage people more on the development of the playground in the Merriam Park upgrade in the works. This is the last meeting for Ellen since she is moving and going to graduate school in Michigan. Many thanks to Ellen who has been active since 2019.

Allen: Desnoyer Park Picnic is coming up on July 16. All are invited. Lots of activities

* WSNAC Sarah Dvorak/Jerome

Jerome: No updates today.

**8:20 pm Staff Report** Leah Timberlake Sullivan

Leah-introduced Abby Heil will be doing her senior project on Union Park with Leah.

Discussed grant with Bethlehem Lutheran Church to discuss issues in Union Park.

Caroline Fitzpatrick is mapping Union Park & is asking for suggestions; working on marketing materials; will continue to update the board regarding the progress.

Leah discussed Union Park recycling event in cooperation with Episcopal Homes which was very successful. Reaching out to churches in the area so the effort expands in the future.

Midway Peace Park; important to not let the effort lapse; there have been concerns-Demetrius was threatened when he was in the park. Concerning events have been observed in the park. We need to help this park & keep a conversation going regarding a park association. Need to have a scheduled plan. Sprinkler system is installed & not sure about the water fountain. Looks much better with all the rain we have had.

New Park Space at United Village: No trash receptacles so nowhere to put trash. Questions need to be answered regarding responsibility for the park. Cleaned every Thursday as of now.

**9:00 pm Adjourn Motion to adjourn-April; 2nd-Jerome; approved**

**Board Minutes Taken by Allen Saunders**