**UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm**

**ZOOM**

**UPDC BOARD MINUTES FOR August 7, 2024**

**Members Present:** Allen Saunders, Leah Timberlake-Sullivan, April King, Sarah Swisher, Yvonne HundshamerSarah Dvorak, Demetrius Shaw, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Kirsten Fryer, Rachel Callahan,Mark Morrow, Sarah Seisher, Kent T, Scott Berger

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Sarah Dvorak

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

* *Approve the agenda for this meeting*

Moved-Kent T

Seconded-Jerome

Motion passed

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

National Night Out-Kirsten; weather was good and many were well attended

-Sarah; If you want to organize a block party, you can. Get permits for block party and also for blocking off

your street. Good community building opportunity.

Scott Berger-CID proposals; need to get in on time; many folks across the city were frustrated with the process -there is a need for support in the process.

**7:30 pm** **Forbidden Festival** Sarah Dvorak

* Breno Bueno – FBDN Ventures, CEO
  + FBDN Ventures has requested a sound variance for

Forbidden Festival event on Saturday September 21, 2024

at 400 Snelling Ave N – Allianz Field grounds.

Potential venue at Allianz & Breno Bueno is present to represent FBDN Ventuires;

Breno- introduced himself & gave purpose or focus; said they know how to manage the events. Will monitor the sound levels & will bring volume down so as to not disturb; cut-off is 90 DB. Breno will provide one phone number and email address. April thanked him for meeting with us. Mark Morrow-asked whether there is noise cancellation; Beno said that his organization wants to make friends with the neighborhood because they want to be able to hold a similar event in the future. They will be blocking sound.

Leah asked about security with the open bar; Beno said people drink less with open bars; One drink is given per person at a time; Will use BEST security or the same organization that Allianz uses; 20 police officers to help manage security; First aide/EMS will also be present.65 Professional bar tenders will be employed;

Rachel voiced concerns about over-consumption; Sarah thanked Breno for coming

**7:50 pm Committee reports and updates**

* Land Use & Economic Development (CLUED) Dean Cummings

-Dean-someone wants to rent space for a fitness center; the one thing different is that they have a sauna; across from Allianz near Bremer Bank; CLUED wants to support the business & see it as a great additions to

site; workouts are done in elevated temperatures/infra-red sauna; it will be staffed during certain hours and

people will have access using entrance cards to use unattended. Dean moved for a letter of support & April seconded the motion. Rachel offered a friendly amendment to assure that it passes safety standards provided by the city. It was approved. Two abstentions; motion passed

-Mark said that the LOON should be arriving at United Village by the end of the month. Delayed by soft ground.

* Transportation Lisa Nelson

Allen: talked about the Pelham Blvd reconstruction & the walk through the neighborhood with Jimmy Shoemaker; there are no designs or plans yet but want to obtain community input first.

Sarah Swisher asked about the traffic on Cretin Ave.; wanted a short history on this. The group filled her in with the ongoing concerns about the speed and safety of Cretin Ave; Sarah noticed that people have slowed down with the increased police presence although this may be temporary. She asked for a copy of the Cretin Ave. report.

* Neighborhood Sustainability & Vitality Committee (NSVC) Leah Timberlake Sullivan

-New chair of the Committee; Yvonne Hundshammer-the Merriam Park Design Group will meet four times within the next year for the purpose of gaining community input; Parks & Rec are taking the lead on this; Ice Cream, Peanut Butter & Jam will be held on Saturday, September 21. Leah will send out sign up sheets for volunteers for Ice Cream Peanut Butter & Jam. Will be Sambusa’s provided once again

Sunday October 6 will be Midway Peace Park celebration date; Midway Peace Park needs our attention- particularly because there have been some security concerns.

* WSNAC Sarah Dvorak/Jerome

Jerome-no new items to report on at this time. Estimate is 40 bike racks at 35 different locations; planning is still underway

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

Leah-branded bike racks topic; she is getting an updated quote on the number of bike racks needed

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New Ameri-Corps member will be present at ICPB&J Festival.

Let Leah know if anyone is interested in hybrid meetings. Let her know ahead of time.

New office location has been a real plus. It seems to be in the middle of what is happening. Lots of collaboration.

There is a drug problem in the area.

**9:00 pm Adjourn**

Move to adjourn by: Kirsten

Seconded:April