

# Union Park District Council

## Board Meeting / **March 1, 2023**

Board President Sarah Dvorak / Minutes: Submitted by Bruce Corrie

**Members present:** Scott Berger, Rachel Callanan, Bruce Corrie, Sarah Dvorak, Kirsten Fryer, Jerome Benner, April King, Kent Treichel, Dean Cummings, Lisa Mueller, Claire Warren.

**Members absent:**

- Open seats: Grids 1, 2, 6,

**Staff members:** Leah Timberlake-Sullivan, executive director

**Guests:** Mike Finney neighbors; Jane McClure, *My Villager*, James R. Johnson, neighbor

**Welcome:** Sarah Dvorak, president, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- *Action:* ... moved to approve the .... agenda. moved to approve the ... minutes.

**UPDC business:** Consent agenda was approved: January Minutes

### Committee reports

**Land Use and Economic Development:**

Dave Birkemeier, President of Cooperative Plating presented future construction plans which includes expansion through acquirement of adjacent property.

**UST Presentation of the new Anderson Arena on the UST campus** – Amy McDonough, Mark Vansguard, Phil Esten. Anthony Adams. Jerome Benner the new director for neighborhood relations. March -summer – environmental assessment and application for land use. Building construction next spring, open Fall 2025.

Private funding, no CUP needed. Many community conversations. List of FAQs at. 4000-6000 seat capacity. Building has other uses

<https://www.stthomas.edu/media/neighborhoodrelations/pdf/Neighborhood-FAQ-Lee-and-Penny-Anderson-Arena.pdf>. [www.stthomas.edu/neighbors](http://www.stthomas.edu/neighbors)

Committee approved the CLUED workplan

## **Neighborhood Sustainability and Vitality:**

Park Director Andy Rodrigues joined to talk about the Cell Tower funds. Worked on the work plan

## **Transportation:**

Discussion with Justin Terell, GM of Allianz Field. Snow clearing has not been so good. Discussed bike parking and transit ridership for games.

Draft letter to City of Saint Paul for approval: UPDC would send letter to City stating safety is a priority change Cretin to 3 lane with center turning from a two way.

Chair Dvorak recommended that since it did not come through committee the letter should be sent to Executive Committee for action.

## **Staff report:**

Newsletter done. Due diligence work on tax reporting. All committees submitted their work plans. Updated security system. Communicated with NUFC to be a nonvoting member. Having mid-monthly meeting with interim director. Applied for funds from Saint Paul Foundation for support of community - \$100k. Interviewed Macalester interns -we are approved for 2 interns. Met with Council Member Jalali. Upcoming meeting with Council Member Belanger and PED Housing Director Beard. Met also with other nonprofits. Partner with Science Museum to offer \$3 passes for those in need, including for seniors. Met about the CIB process. Met with Mike Finney a teacher in Woodbury and lives in Union Park. Working with shocking lack of access to music education. Working with bridging or closing that gap. Will work on connecting local people to jobs.

Mike Finney shared about the after-school program in a few schools. Model shows the percussion program is helping address the concerns that students without access can benefit and build relationships with schools.

Dean Cumming shared openings in the Neighborhood Star Board – our area has 3 reps and currently no one is on them.

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