**UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Annual Social and Board Election**

**December 4, 2024 at Spruce Tree Center, 1st Floor Conference Room**

UPDC Board Minutes taken by Allen Saunders, Secretary;

Excellent attendance on a very cold evening: 45 people present at the meeting; there was a lively social time and all chairs were filled at the start of the meeting.

Call to Order & Welcome by Sara Dvorak at \_\_\_7:45pm\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Kirsten Fryer, at-large board member, presented the proposal of the Snelling University Task Force. The motion requests that UPDC commit itself to establishing an independent organization, or agency, designed to gather information, increase communication, advocate for collective interest, and identify gaps in the area's structure. \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the motion and Demetrius seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Election of Board Members: Lisa Nelson-at large Board Member & lives in Grid 4; Claire Warren-Grid 3; Sara Swisher-Grid 2, Reese Johnson-Grid 10; Yvonne Hundshammer-Grid 8; Scott Berger-Grid 10; April made motion to approve the seating of the new Board Members and Jerome seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Clare Warren: Community Engagement-$9251.58-discussed microgrant program. ; Personnell; Contract Services & Operating expenses-$10,179 Total Equity-discussed liabilities and assets; In very good shape with a 7.7 to 1 ratio of assets to liabilities.

CLUED REPORT: by Scott Berger-presented United Village; discussed variance requests, re-zoning,

Issue of the two properties across from St. Thomas football field & allowing for re-zoning to allow for 2 large apartment-like homes housing over 40 renters was brought by two attendees who voiced serious concerns regarding parking, etc. Sara invited them to attend CLUED meetings and voice their concerns;

NSVC; Yvonne Hundshammer reviewed projects like “Fire & Ice”, Midway Peace Park, Merriam Park Design Advisory Committee; Ice Cream Peanut Butter & Jam event, micro-grants-such as the round about project for planting wild-flowers;

Lisa Nelson: Transportation Committee; invited speakers from the city and supportive organizations; many activities; Exciting things such as B Line, Concordia Ave bike land; Pelham Blvd Reconstruction

Deanna represented Macalester College and gave support of UPDC

Guest Speaker: Chad Kulas, Executive Director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce

Chad gave a brief history of UPDC including baseball stadium and now United Village/Allianz field. He stressed the need for continued cooperation between the Chamber of Commerce and District Councils. Chad asked for ideas of businesses needed for UPDC and generated many interesting suggestions for him.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.