

SUMMIT-UNIVERSITY PLANNING COUNCIL

Board of Directors

Meeting, 2009 May 26

Minutes

The 2008/09 Board of Directors of the Summit-University Planning Council met for its final meeting on Tuesday, 2009 May 26, at the St. Albans Community Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keillen Curtis, Angela Earl, Pauline Eichten, Jeff Gardner, Tim Jorissen, Dick Kleinbaum, Rena Moran, Charlie Neimeyer, Edward Swanson, Emmerson Ward, Steve Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Duddingston, Frances Goodlow, Annie Heideman, Babette Jamison, Rosalie Moore, Carl Nelson, Marquitta Ransom, David Youmans

STAFF PRESENT: Irna Landrum, Lisa Steiger

GUESTS: Joyce Petsch, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation. Also incoming Board members: Jeanette Blankenship, Anderson Cielto, Ken Green, Nathan Klinkhammer, Analiese Miller, Dennis Presley

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Steve Wilson, at 7:05 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Upon motion by Jeff Gardner seconded, it was

VOTED, That the agenda be approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion by Tim Jorissen, seconded, it was

VOTED, That the minutes of the 2009 March 24 meeting be approved.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Chair reviewed the actions of the Executive Committee at its May 11 meeting. Upon motion by Tim Jorissen, seconded, it was

VOTED, That the action of the Executive Committee agreeing to the use of the 838 Selby Avenue property by the Fire Department be adopted by the Board.

b. LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Edward Swanson, Acting Chair, reviewed the election report that had been distributed to the members of the Board. He also discussed the petition process that can be used to fill the remaining vacancies on the Board.

c. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Rena Moran, Chair, reported. The Committee will meet on June 2. She mentioned that the Committee is looking for volunteers. She also brought up the fact that while there had been a lot of discussion about the light rail, one issue that has been ignored is that of property tax increases and what might be done to find some way to mitigate them.

c. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Keillen Curtis, a member of the Committee, reported on its last meeting. He introduced Joyce Petsch of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundation who was present to talk about the Go Places 5K and 10K that they are sponsoring on October 24. They have the support of the Saint Paul Police Department and Saint Paul College. Jeff Gardner asked that they give him information so that he can get it out to the Selby Avenue Business Association members. He also asked that they find ways that the two groups could support each other. Angela Earl raised concerns about parking.

The College is making its parking lot available for free parking. The SUPC office will work on getting this information out to the neighborhood. Upon motion by Jeff Gardner, seconded, it was

VOTED, That the Summit-University Planning Council approve support for the Go Places 5K and 10K event.

W.A. Frost has asked for support for their application for extension of food and liquor service area for a wine tasting they will be sponsoring on May 31 with Solo Vino. Upon motion by Tim Jorissen, seconded, it was

VOTED, That the Summit University Planning Council support W.A. Frost in their application with respect to the wine-tasting event.

The Metropolitan Council Parking Solutions Report was an information report. The most likely solutions are going to be parking meters and permits for residents. There will be a meeting about it on May 28.

A grant application has been made to the City of Saint Paul for a STAR grant to add an elevator to the property at 579 Selby Avenue (formerly Il Vesco Vino) in order to make it more accessible and more attractive to other businesses. Upon motion by Keillen Curtis on behalf of the Committee, it was

VOTED, That the Summit University Planning Council write a letter in support of the STAR grant application.

Council member Melvin Carter is interested in moving forward on the vacant lot at Selby and Victoria Avenues (160 Victoria Avenue). A meeting will take place on June 2 about it, to see what the neighborhood is interested in being done with it. There are several people who are interested in the property.

Jeff Gardner gave an update on the street work on Selby Avenue. At present they are about one week ahead of schedule. He also reminded the Board members that notices of meetings of the Neighborhood Development Committee are posted on *Porch Lite*, and he encouraged Board members to attend these meetings to be informed on these issues.

d. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The Executive Director reported. Submissions for the next issue of *The Front Porch* have been turned in to Redbird Design Media, and the issue should be out the first week in June.

Message Power is negotiating to lower the cost of their contract.

e. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tim Jorissen, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the financial reports as of April 30. He gave a brief background on the types of financial reports that SUPC uses and the type of information that can be found in them. He pointed out the importance of the members of the Board being aware of what is going on with the financial activities.

6. STAFF REPORT: Written reports were submitted by the Executive Director and the Community Organizer.

7. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS: The Chair recognized the members of the Board who are retiring following this meeting—Dan Duddingston, Pauline Eichten, Frances Goodlow, Annie Heideman, Babette Jamison, Tim Jorissen, and Carl Nelson—and presented certificates of appreciation to those who were present.

9. ADJOURN: Upon motion by Edward Swanson, seconded, it was

VOTED, That the final meeting of the 2008/09 Board of Directors do now adjourn, and that the first meeting of the 2009/10 Board of Directors be convened.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

10. The first meeting of the 2009/10 Board of Directors was called to order by the Chair, Steve Wilson, at 8:11 PM, who welcomed the new members.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanette Blankenship, Anderson Cielto, Keillen Curtis, Angela Earl, Jeff Gardner, Ken Green, Dick Kleinbaum, Nathan Klinkhammer, Analiese Miller, Rena Moran, Charlie Neimeyer, Dennis Presley, Edward Swanson, Emmerson Ward, Steve Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosalie Moore, Gerald Ransom, Marquitta M. Ransom, Marquitta S. Ransom, representative from Ramsey Hill Association

STAFF PRESENT: Irna Landrum, Lisa Steiger

ALSO PRESENT: Retiring Board members: Pauline Eichten, Tim Jorissen

11. OFFICERS: Upon motion by the Secretary, seconded, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the Summit University Planning Council provide that the new members of the Board of Directors be seated at the first meeting following the election; and,

WHEREAS, The Bylaws provide that the election of officers and committee chairs take place at the second meeting following the election; and,

WHEREAS, There is a need for continuity of activities between the two meetings; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the current members of the Executive Committee remain in office until their successors are elected at the June 23 meeting.

12. BUDGET REVISION: The Treasurer presented a revised budget reflecting reductions in revenue from the City appropriation and the McKnight Foundation grant. Upon motion by Tim Jorissen, seconded, it was

VOTED, That the proposed revised budget for Fiscal Year 2009 as presented by the Executive Committee be adopted.

13. OTHER BUSINESS: The Chair reminded the Board members that election of officers would take place at the June Board meeting and that the new committees would be formed at that time. It is anticipated that every member of the Board will serve on at least one committee. The Executive Director will distribute information about the various committees and their activities prior to the next meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT. Upon motion by Dick Kleinbaum, seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Edward Swanson
Secretary