

SUMMIT-UNIVERSITY PLANNING COUNCIL Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes, 7 December, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Summit-University Planning Council met on Tuesday, 7 December 2010, at the St. Albans Community Room, 665 Selby Ave. This was a combined November/December meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanette Blankenship, Anderson Cielto, Jeff Gardner, Ken Green, Adrienne Hannert, Rosalie Moore, Betsy Mowry, Analiese Miller, Charlie Neimeyer, Brock Obee, Channa Pittman, Marquitta M. Ransom.

Members Absent: Kevin O'Brien, Dennis Presley, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT: Irna Landrum, Jen Elwood

GUESTS: Demon Presley, Director, Vision's to Changing Life "Change is Possible," Jane McClure, Villager, Dennis Presley, Jr., Brielle Godfrey, Akeyla Watkins, Chante Neal, Isha Coleman, Danielle English & Jeanne Weigum (Ramsey Tobacco Coalition).

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Acting-Chair Jeanette Blankenship at around 7:10PM.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Upon motion by Jeff Gardner, seconded by Charlie Neimeyer, it was

VOTED, That the agenda be approved.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no minutes to approve. The 7 December, 2011 board meeting represents the combined November and December meetings.
4. Guest Speaker: Aurora St. Anthony Youth Leaders: Regulating Window Signage

A presentation was given by the leader and members of this organization highlighting their efforts to petition the city of Saint Paul to amend the current codes as they relate to the regulation of commercial window signage. This is not an attempt to change regulations that speaks to content, rather regulations that speak to the placement and quantity of signs in store windows that affects safety, aesthetic, and what seems as a concentration of this phenomenon in low-income neighborhoods. This organization, along with the Ramsey Tobacco Coalition, were seeking SUPC's endorsement of this effort. After diligent discussion and a motion by director Charlie Niemeyer, and seconded by director Rosalie Moore, it was overwhelming

VOTED, That SUPC give its support to these organizations in their efforts.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: None, but it was recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to director Ken Green and **Unity Church Unitarian** for their support in providing a place to hold SUPC's Fall retreat.
- b. LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Acting-Chair Blankenship gave a review on the SUPC Fall retreat and Strategic Plan(What was done last year, and what are the expectations for the new year, directors commitments, Resources, future SUPC mission and Accountability, work plans refinement and clarity.
- c. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chair Ken Green, reported on the flyer and activities for the up-coming food/clothing drive. Also reported on was the current crime stats and areas of concern, along with summarizing of the trends.

d. Neighborhood Development COMMITTEE: Nothing to report, however Executive Director Landrum did bring to the board's attention the PBRC and the opportunity for public comments.

e. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE: While the committee had nothing to report, Director Mowry did report on her plans to energize the committee and her vision on engaging the local business community to link to SUPC's website (and action that Director Gardner had suggested prior), along with developing an events calendar or perhaps a sort of "What's up Summit U" campaign/effort.

f. FINANCE COMMITTEE: Exec. Director Cameron presented the financial reports as of October 31. The Council's financial reporting and balance sheet were in good standing. Exec. Dir. Landrum commented on the negative balance in the PTO-ISP line item, and the need to develop a plan to deal with possible future deficiencies.

6. OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

7. NEW BUSINESS: None to report.

8. STAFF REPORT: Executive Director Landrum reported on staff activities, the status of the Front Porch. Also, Summit U was selected a Promise Neighborhood site spearheaded by the Wilder Foundation.

9. ADJOURNMENT. Upon motion by Director Gardner, seconded by Director Miller, the meeting was adjourned at around 8:00PM.

Anderson Cielto,
Interim Secretary, SUPC