

SARPA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes—Nov. 1, 2021

Present: Tom Darling, Harry Walsh, Wendy Caucutt, Jack Quale, Katherine Cairns. Excused: Francis Luikart

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| Minutes | Meeting called to order at 6:00pm. Review of minutes | approved |
| Treasurer's Report | Current balance of \$2,727 (10.31.21). SARPA has 38 paid members; over 232 on mailing list "Friends of Summit Ave" Collected funds also will be delivered as a contribution to RONDO GARDEN from SARPA on Nov. 15 th | approved |
| Rethinking Summit Avenue Reconstruction | "Rethinking Summit Ave." reconstruction - This includes more background prior to the planned 7:00 pm zoom meeting with City staff who will describe the program to interested neighborhood groups and district councils. Tom Darling met with reps from Summit Hill Association and Ramsey Hill Association. | Those present suggested questions for city response |
| Board nominations/ student participation | Wendy is meeting with staff at UST to see if any students interested in SARPA Board service. Suggested a representative from the Office of Sustainability or a neighborhood senator to the student council | |
| Project/ Partnership Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need newsletter ideas and authors for next edition • The Ramsey Hill fundraiser for Cochran Park is no longer working. If we want to promote contributions to Cochran Park, we'll need another link from Ramsey Hill • Seeking additional Board members and Tom updated about neighbor living in Griggs-Livingston house • Summit Ave. Ash Tree replanting- discuss further at future meeting | |
| Other Business to consider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of the Luminaria project- Ramsey Hill may be interested and we would need other partners and increase in funding. | |
| Next meeting | Nov. 15, 2021 is next meeting at 6:30pm | |
| 2021 SARPA Goals and Objectives proposed | <p>Goal- Increase visibility of SARPA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update the SARPA website http://sarpa.org/ to include current information and at least monthly updates through 2021. 2. Increase SARPA paid membership through partnerships and engagement. (530 in database; 232 on SARPA listserve) 3. Increase the Board to fill officer and vacant positions and bring more voices to the table. 4. Prepare/distribute (3) online SARPA communications in 2021. 5. Prepare one mailed communication to Summit Addresses/members/friends to bring attention to SARPA, highlight an event, and solicit memberships. 6. Increase social media activity and monitoring of social media metrics through 2021. SARPA Facebook 582 Followers (12.6.21) up from 573 followers (10.21); SARPA Instagram 58 followers (12.6.21) up from 37 followers (8.3.20); SARPA website 7. Provide education and advocacy through engaging in events and communications with other neighborhood organizations and city leaders. A goal of hosting/co-hosting four events in 2021. | |
| Council and other District Council updates | <p>Ramsey Hill: no report Mac-Groveland(Katherine) Transportation Committee discussing bike lanes again</p> <p>Union Park (Wendy): no report Summit Hill: (Tom): No report</p> <p>Summit University Planning Council: No report</p> | |
| Adjourn | Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm | |

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| Minutes | Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Minutes from all November meetings will be reviewed at December meeting | |
| Rethinking Summit Avenue Reconstruction | <p>“Rethinking Summit Ave.” listed as Summit Avenue Regional Trail The Community engagement survey is still open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those present discussed the responses received from the city • Discussed this planning as part of the Regional Trail Master Plan • Discussed the “share an idea” section in planning tool and encouraged others to also use this and submit ideas • “a principle criteria of re-imagining Summit is to put a bike path on Summit” according to the head of Parks and Rec • Concern about retaining the granite curbs on Summit • Discussed doing an inventory of trees by block from Lexington to the Cathedral and circumference and species data- any info on whether this exists currently? • What is role of the Parks Foundation in planning or position statements • Carolyn and Mike Walsh of Skycandy discussing doing a drone flyover of the section to be “re-imagined” • Does the original/final St Paul 2040 plan have Summit as a regional trail or is this the strategy to secure funding for more bike lanes? <p>Tom Darling will continue to meet with reps from Summit Hill Association and Ramsey Hill Association.</p> | |
| Other Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 189 emails in Oct. “Friends of Summit” and 39 had bad addresses; 65 not opened | |
| Next Meeting | Dec. 6, 2021 is next meeting at 6:30pm | |
| Adjourn | Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm | |