

# SARPA Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes—January 3, 2022

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

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Review of minutes	approved
Treasurer's Report	No Treasurer's report this month. 189 "Friends of Summit Ave." who receive the newsletter	
Rethinking Summit Avenue Reconstruction	"Rethinking Summit Ave." - No meetings have been scheduled by the City staff. We discussed the City response to SARPA questions. Discussed <a href="#">St Paul Bicycle Plan</a> Those present reviewed the questions/responses to friends of Summit Ave. with questions about the reconstruction. Discussed SARPA sponsored zoom meeting for those interested...no date yet and may wait until city meeting scheduled. SARPA will ask "what criteria did Met Council used to make Summit Ave. a Regional Trail route?"	To will put together questions for Met Council bike person
Tree Survey	Discussed doing a "tree inventory" of the section affected by the reconstruction planned for 2023. Discussed: draft of tree survey; recruit volunteers; add Width of the sidewalk/Blvd; identify " <a href="#">Landmark Trees</a> "; tree inventory by block will be pilot tested; consider taking .jpg photos to attach/send with inventory	2 Landmark Trees on west end of Summit None on east end
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	
Membership year	Those present discussed moving to a fixed membership year and pros/cons of implementing it in 2022. Cairns advocated for 2022 to be transition year and 2023 be first fixed membership year.	Draft wording attached
Project/ Partnership Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggest 4 newsletters/year with next one in March. Need newsletter ideas and authors for next edition</li> <li>Update on stolen/recovered Cochran Park goose</li> <li>Summit Ave. Ash Tree removal/replanting. Need ideas and a volunteer to lead this effort. Is Rachel interested?</li> </ul>	
Other Business to consider	None	
Next meeting	<b>Feb 7, 2022 is next meeting at 6:30pm</b>	
2022 SARPA Goals and Objectives proposed	<p>Discussed updating the SARPA 2022 objectives/goals at next call</p> <p>Goal- Increase visibility of SARPA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the SARPA website <a href="http://sarpa.org/">http://sarpa.org/</a> to include current information and at least monthly updates through 2021.</li> <li>Increase SARPA paid membership through partnerships and engagement. (530 in database; 232 on SARPA listserve)</li> <li>Increase the Board to fill officer and vacant positions and bring more voices to the table.</li> <li>Prepare/distribute (3) online SARPA communications in 2021.</li> <li>Prepare one mailed communication to Summit Addresses/members/friends to bring attention to SARPA, highlight an event, and solicit memberships.</li> <li>Increase social media activity and monitoring of social media metrics through 2021. <a href="#">SARPA Facebook</a> 585 Followers (1.3.22) up from 573 followers (10.21); <a href="#">SARPA Instagram</a> 58 followers (1.3.22) up from 37 followers (8.3.20); <a href="#">SARPA website</a></li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	We will update these at Feb. meeting for 2022
Council and other District Council updates	<p><a href="#">Ramsey Hill</a>: no report <a href="#">Mac-Groveland</a>(Katherine) Transportation Committee -dedicated bike lanes and lack of City funding</p> <p><a href="#">Union Park</a> (Wendy): no report <a href="#">Summit Hill</a>: (Tom): No report</p> <p><a href="#">Summit University Planning Council</a>: No report</p>	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm	

**St Paul Landmark Tree [Map](#) Google Landmark Tree tour [map](#)  
[St Paul Landmark Trees](#) on Summit Ave.**

- 2020  
Hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*  
Median across from 2100 Summit Ave  
DBH 49" | Height 86' | Canopy Width 79'  
Nominated by Tracy Few
- 2014  
American Elm - *Ulmus americana*  
Summit Avenue at Fairview  
DBH 52" | Height 75' | Canopy Width 94'  
Nominated by Michelle Egan

**Membership year suggested wording**

- Beginning on Jan 1, 2023, SARPA will move to a calendar membership year. Membership dues paid during 2023 will cover the 2023 annual membership fee.
- Current SARPA membership fee is \$30. SARPA is a 501c3 non-profit organization. (are we a c3 or something else?)