

APPROVED 9/13/21

Union Square Neighborhood Council Meeting

Monday

Aug. 23, 2021, 7-9 pm

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

David Scott

Ann Camara

Isabella Drago

Andy Greenspon

Michele Hansen

Matthias Rudolf

Bill Shelton

Tori Antonino

Mary Dipolitano

Alex Friedan

Cosmo DiSchino

1) Introductions and reading of mission statement

2) Public Comment

DS asked for items for the newsletter

CD sidewalk by Target is almost finished. US2 building is going up.

BS moved to approve minutes from August 9th meeting, MH 2nd. No discussion, passes unanimously with 1 abstention

3) Committee reports

City Election Forum Committee Report.

ID Date for forum is 9/9. Discussion of committee approving questions for Mayoral forums over email. Split up turf to publicize.

Discussed publicizing event as “with” SCC or “and” SCC.

MH I think “with”

BS Moved to accept “with”. DS 2nd. Passes unanimously.

Discussion on the history of NEXUS process, and prospects going forward.

We may want to have specific point people on the NEXUS and Charter Reform processes

4) Updates on developers

DLJ - AG They are submitting modifications for their permit. They emailed us trying to schedule a neighborhood meeting presenting their modifications.

USQ – AC Scheduling a meeting on Sept 21 or 23

Capitol Hall – AC no progress between them and the city.

Mark Development— TA they are doing the star market on Broadway
General discussion about developers around town that don't deal with local groups. How can we help other neighborhoods get what they deserve?

AC announced future meetings: Aug 30, Cubby Oil site meeting. Sept 1 151 Linwood street.

5) Letter to City Council regarding Somerville Community Land Trust
Discussion of timeline to move forward with letter in support of SCLT

6) Update on moving toward 501c3 status
BS We approved our restated articles and filed them with the secretary of state. Application has been begun.

7) Update on helping FirstSource with their new job description
MH the meeting is happening tomorrow

8) Discussion: should we form new committees focusing on pedestrian bridge and community center?
MH and AC volunteers to head that up. DS and MN and AG and BS also volunteers.
DS will put out a call in the tiny letter for more community members to volunteer

9) Schedule next USNC meeting
2 weeks from today is Labor Day and a Jewish holiday, so Sept 13.
We want to solicit other members to run meetings to get more points of view, bring others into the process.

10) Public Comment
Seeking questions for the mayoral forum.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJL7MJ8>

AC calls to adjourn and go into executive question for discussion of strategy for negotiating with developers, MN seconds. passes unanimously