

UNP  
Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2007

**Members Present:**, Gordon Hershberger, Barbara Karper, Giancarlo Moneti, John Giroux, John Potamianos, Beth Rougeux, Beth Theiss, Barbara Humphrey, Tom Wolfe

**Members Absent:** Fernando Ortiz, Peter Kavanagh, Van Robinson, Joanne Stewart

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 24, 2 pm, UUMC**

**Meeting Summary:**

**Minutes of September 26, 2007 Meeting**

The minutes from the September 26, 2007 meeting were accepted by consensus as amended as follows:

- Add the following sentence after the second sentence of the second paragraph: This issue will be discussed further.
- Add this sentence to the end of the second paragraph: A final report will be created from these recommendations.

**Discussion of Recommendations from September 26, 2007 Meeting**

A process for reporting the final recommendations to the public was discussed. Beth Rougeux explained that there is already a document that includes a recording of the hearings. She hopes that these recommendations can be inserted into this document and then distributed to the public. Tom Wolfe will write a conclusion section that will also be part of the document. This conclusion will be provided to UNP members to review and discuss prior to becoming part of the document.

A number of members present questioned whether or not there was consensus on the recommendations as written in the 9/26/07 minutes. It was decided that they needed further discussion and qualification in order to be acceptable to all group members. Each recommendation was discussed and amended, as needed. It was agreed that unless otherwise specified, the recommendations would apply to the entire Special Neighborhood District, defined (roughly) as East Genesee Street on the north, Westmoreland/Houston Avenues on the east, Colvin Street on the south, and Ostrom Avenue on the west. The following is a listing of the amended recommendations and discussion:

**Creating a Special District within the Special Neighborhood District**

- Recommendation: Consider establishing a special district within the existing Special Neighborhood District, with a preliminary report within six months and action within one year.

Discussion: It was agreed that this can happen simultaneous to issuing and implementing other recommendations. The goal is to create a special assessment district that would receive enhanced services that would be paid for by the residents of the district. Special

zoning, assessment and business districts already exist in Syracuse, and the expertise of those instrumental in establishing these districts will be called upon by the UNP during the study period. The action by the end of the year could include establishing a special district or abandoning the concept.

### Parking

- Recommendation: Ticketing, booting and/or towing (or otherwise removing or penalizing) of illegally parked vehicles.

Discussion: It is the will of the group that this would include vehicles parked across the sidewalk, on front lawns, and other illegally parked cars, regardless of whether or not they fall under the city's new boot law.

- Recommendation: Restrict parking on Euclid Avenue between Ostrom and Lancaster to permit parking by residents only, Monday to Friday, hours to be determined.

Discussion: This recommendation is designed to discourage parking by commuters.

### Noise

- Recommendation: Fully fund the Neighborhood Safety Patrol from the Service Agreement funds and request a member of the Syracuse Police Department be designated as coordinator with responsibility for reporting to the UNP, as requested.

Discussion: The goal of this amendment to the original recommendation is to hold the NSP accountable to the neighborhood by giving the UNP the opportunity to monitor services and outcomes on a more routine basis. The request to have the SPD fund a dedicated coordinator was amended to ask the SPD to designate a coordinator from its existing staff, as this seemed to be a more reasonable request.

### Trash

- Recommendation: Fund extra trash pick-ups at the beginning and end of the semester from Service Agreement Funds.

Discussion: It was agreed that if an eligible entity applies for funds for this purpose and funds are approved, landlords will be expected to empty out their apartments during this period, so that excess trash is not put out after the special trash pick-up period.

- Recommendation: Develop a pilot program for dedicated receptacles in the Special Neighborhood District for trash, recyclables and yard waste.

Discussion: It was agreed to add receptacles for recyclables and yard waste to the original recommendation.

### Health and Safety

- Recommendation: Fund code enforcement services (education and enforcement) in the Special Neighborhood District during evening and weekend hours from Service Agreement funds.

Discussion: UNP needs to determine if this can happen through the City Department of Code Enforcement, because they are a unionized workforce and their labor agreement may specify Monday to Friday daytime hours.

Before the meeting ended a discussion was held about the make up and future of the UNP. An open and honest dialogue occurred on the history of how/why UNP was formed and the expectation of its representatives. The group did conclude that UNP should continue for now.

Tom asked that the existing UNP+ agree to one more meeting to discuss how to communicate the recommendations to the public, the future of UNP, and the process of selecting new owner occupant representatives, since the terms for both current owner occupants have expired. A meeting was set for Wednesday, October 24 at 2:00 at UUMC.