

University Neighborhood Partnership  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2009

**Members Present:**

- Institutional Representatives: Scott Blair (ESF), Beth Rougeux (SU), Sharon Sherman (Syracuse City – for Fernando Ortiz)
- Neighborhood/ Resident Representatives: Joe Russo (SEUNA/ Westcott – West), Mark Strodel (Sherman Park),
- Investor/ Property Owners: Paul Walsh (Westcott-West), Patrick Pfohl (Outer Comstock), Norman Roth (Sherman Park)
- Students: Brian Brackens, SU
- Other: Christina Merchant, Professor – SU

**Agenda:**

- 1) Updates and Information Exchange
- 2) Review Sidewalk Snow Removal Study
- 3) UNP Membership and attendance
- 4) Meeting Schedule for the year

**Sidewalk Snow Removal:**

Sidewalk Snow Removal Study has been written and edited. Need to contact Hugh Gregg to see if he has written letter to NY State re: whether a BID can also apply to mainly residential area. BR will call him to check and see if can make next meeting. MS noted that Sherman Park is not impacted by the proposal but he will inform the neighborhood association of the proposal.

Main focus for next meeting will be to explore opinions of the various neighborhood associations re: interest in the sidewalk snow removal program and identify volunteers to get the word out. Several other opportunities exist for exploring interest and getting the word out: Westcott Fair is September 13<sup>th</sup>; business association meeting will be this Wednesday.

BID process: 2 year time horizon...2 winters out

Grant: 1 year time horizon...1 winter out

Consolidated contract: conceivably start this winter...voluntary group start it. Meanwhile, apply for a UNSAAC grant to help the application funding.

What to say: "Looked at these options. Trying to work together. Gather information re: feedback and any fears.

OK to Paul W to start with contractors to develop a group of volunteers to try out this approach this winter.

**UNP Attendance:**

Per the December 9, 2008 minutes, those on UNP missing 2 consecutive months of meetings or 3 meetings in a year without excuse will be considered as withdrawn from UNP. Send a reminder out re: attendance policy.

**Grant Writing:**

Pursue a grant from UNSAAC to provide the administration to support developing a BID.

**Next Steps:**

- 1) BR will revise the snow removal proposal before it goes out to community members.
- 2) Paul W will start the ball rolling with a voluntary effort with contractors for this winter.
- 3) A grant will be pursued from UNSAAC to fund administration to support BID development.
- 4) Hugh Gregg will be contacted to provide information about the NYS Attorney General advisory letter re: BIDs for residential as well as business districts.
- 5) Next meeting will need to develop schedule of meetings for rest of year.
- 6) Request that next meeting tackle setting up a meeting with the new mayor to educate about this group's existence.

**Next Meeting:**

**September 30, 2009 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm at the Westcott Dayhab.**