

## Union Square Neighborhood Council - Meeting November 20, 2018

### Attendance

USNC Voting Members:

Ben Baldwin, Bill Cavellini, Ben Bradlow, Ann Camara, Pennie Taylor, Rachel Weil, Jacob Kramer, Afruza Akther, Michèle Hansen, Tori Antonino

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Neighborhood Resident Members: 7 total

Co-Facilitators: Rachel Weil, Bill Cavellini

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Bill chaired the meeting and led off introductions
  - b. It is Joe Beckman's birthday. Happy birthday, Joe.
2. Approval of 10/25/2018 minutes and distribution of Nov 8 minutes
  - a. November 8 minutes have not been received by board secretary yet
  - b. Straw poll of who has read the 3 versions of minutes. Original, Bill's edits, and Andy's edits.
  - c. 4th version was submitted late, but has not been viewed by board members
  - d. Jacob suggests we stick to one version of the minutes, the version edited by Bill. Motion to accept those minutes
    - i. A call was made to submit versions of the minutes within 48 hours. Other versions were submitted within 24 hours.
    - ii. Amendment: Board looks at particular changes between Bill's and Andy's versions that are not in agreement
      1. Not accepted by Jacob
    - iii. Parts of the meeting are missing from video of the meeting
    - iv. Bill Review of Andy's changes
      1. Jacob accepts changes
    - v. Jacob-motion to accept Bill's version of minutes, including some of Andy's alterations as described by Bill (in Bill's notes)
      1. Ben Bradlow- seconded
      2. Vote: 6 in favor, 4 abstentions, 0 no
  - e. Bill- proposes uniform approach to minutes. Discussions summarized and votes tallied by number. Please think about for next meeting.
3. Public Comment
  - a. Nothing had been said about Andy's minutes in the previous few weeks. Would have appreciated some feedback prior to the vote
  - b. Absence of the spirit of collaboration from the working group. Would like public comment to be prior to minutes approval. The approved 10/25 minutes contain issues making it hard to understand for someone not present.
  - c. Record votes, with summaries. If you have issues with perfect minutes, go into USNC public.
  - d. A few ideas for voting procedures are available. There is a need to do outreach prior to December 1.
  - e. Andy requests speaking privileges during agenda item 4

- f. Motion for Andy (bylaws committee) make comments during agenda item 4.
  - i. Ben Bradlow- seconded. There is a specific reason why this individual could be empowered
  - ii. Vote: 9 yes, 1 abstention
- g. Request for greater space for the public to participate in board meetings
- 4. Permanent Bylaws discussion and possible vote on next steps towards [Bylaws Informational Meeting](#) Dec. 1
  - a. 4 different versions of voting, with decision on how to do it made after they have been proposed to the public.
  - b. Who is bottom lining the event itself?
    - i. Has not been organized, possibly Bylaws and Outreach Committees
  - c. Andy summarized the most recent Bylaws meeting
    - i. Discussion on how bylaws should be presented to the public.
    - ii. Issues with previous working group bylaws discussions. No description of subjective analysis of options.
    - iii. Some of these issues were discussed and voted on October 25
      - 1. 3 options for voting:
        - a. limiting any voter to 7, 8 or 10 votes
        - b. voting for all 15 seats
        - c. allow multiple votes per candidate, each voter with 15 votes
      - 2. ranked choice is being suggested by Bylaws Committee
      - 3. The vote on Pennie's motion needs to be reconsidered now that we are considering alternatives
        - a. Board to leave previous vote as is, consider alternative feedback, and then someone can make a motion for reconsideration
        - b. Motion for reconsideration can only be done once
  - d. Board to decide place and time of Dec 1 meeting
    - i. Motion to hold the meeting 1pm December 1 in the Public Safety Building Community Room
      - 1. Vote: unanimous (9) yes
        - a. Ann Camara had stepped out
- 5. Built Environment Committee report
  - a. Letter about citywide zoning overhaul to be shared, supporting Somervision as a guide for zoning. Approval would have to be done online. To be sent out officially by co-chairs
    - i. In Google Doc format with suggested changes
      - 1. Accepted
    - ii. Window of time to add name as a board member, which would act as a voting mechanism
      - 1. Accepted
- 6. Public Comment
  - a. Clean and open elections task force- meeting with the board of aldermen and covering similar topics to our election procedure discussion
  - b. Want to work to get an accurate version of 10/25 minutes
  - c. Proposes a candidates forum for election
  - d. People voting on bylaws will need some explanation of what it means to select one election procedure over another.

- e. Support for reviewing election task force document and attending BOA meeting.
  - f. Support for ranked choice voting
  - g. Bylaws information meeting should be open and include opportunities for people to suggest new additions, new election procedures
  - h. USMS newsletter reminder
  - i. USMS request to attend 11/29 meeting and answer questions from the business community- 10am-11am at Bronwyn Restaurant
    - i. Michèle and Jacob to volunteer
7. Executive Session to discuss strategy and tactics for further negotiations
- a. Ben Bradlow- motion to move into executive
    - i. Rachel Weil seconds
    - ii. Unanimous yes