1. **Additions to the Agenda**
   No additions to the agenda

2. **Approval of the Past Minutes**
   - Minutes approved with minimal modifications
   - Point of order: Any actions taken during this meeting will be a vote conducted via e-mail to board members.*

3. **Neighborhood Crime Update - Patty Lammers, St Paul Police Department**

   **Topic: Catalytic Converter Theft**
   - SUVs being targeted
   - Theft is not neighborhood-specific
   - Thieves prefer SUVs as they can be easily accessed and cut with two cuts
   - Catalytic converters contain precious metals and are sold at scrapyards and on Facebook Marketplace.
   - Currently there is no serial number on the catalytic converters, making it hard to prove ownership. St Paul Police are working with car dealers and the state attorney to recommend VIN etching or serialization.
   - Areas hit more are parking lots and workplaces
   - Park in well-lit areas or preferably a garage
   - If noticing loitering in parking lots or any people under vehicles, call police immediately.
   - Repair cost is $800-2000 for damaged vehicles.
   - Soonest area of ordinance changes will be the number of catalytic converters that can be turned into scrapyards. Scrapyards already ID people bringing in catalytic converters.

   **Summary of other crimes in the area**
   - Current Summit Hill crime is theft from vehicles, theft from homes (unlocked windows), and vehicle theft due to running vehicles.
   - One individual arrested in Mac-Groveland who is suspected of 14 robberies.
   - Modus operandi of assailants is theft of a vehicle to conduct a robbery.
   - SPPD does offer free property surveys to property owners to assess and recommend anti-crime property improvements 651-266-5445.
   - Online crime reporting is being expanded to allow for uploading videos and photos.
   - Reports of shootings on Grand Ave. (One case was shots fired, no evidence of firearm discharge on-site, other case was investigated, and bullet casings were discharged).

4. **Future is Grand Task Force - Monica Haas**
• Future is Grand Task Force met with councilmembers Noecker and Holbert last week.
• Meeting topic was to push for neighborhood and area signage; being coordinated with Visit St Paul.
• Researching free bus route for Grand Ave, part of Visit St Paul’s efforts to promote shopping on Grand Ave for people who wish to park and ride along the avenue.
• Safety issues brought up with councilmembers
  o Pedestrian safety for crossings at MacCallester College and Victoria & Grand.
• Board Member Meyer-Grimberg brought up the issue of art along Grand Ave. Executive Director Haas responded: This was not part of the issues as the meeting focused on quick reply issues.
• Board Member Tagioff raised the question of next steps for the task force. They would like to see the task force continue with phase two, which requires coordination of the three groups (Mac-Groveland, GABA, and Summit Hill Association) plus some new volunteers. If you have an interest working on phase 2—which focuses more on neighbors than businesses—send an e-mail to Executive Director Haas.

5. Ayd Mill Road Construction -Monica Haas
• City council has moved forward with plan for 3-lane road with smaller bike/pedestrian path that will become part of the greenway. Price is $7.5M which is far above original plans/budget.
• Public information sessions will be held for design, construction timeline, and public input. Scheduled for March 19th 6:00pm-7:30pm at MacCallester College’s Hill Ballroom. Community input is being solicited but the impact is uncertain on current plans.
• City Council decision by middle of April to get bids ready for construction. Without a decision, Ayd Mill Road will not be improved until summer 2021.
• City webpage for Ayd Mill Road project: https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/projects/ayd-mill-road
• Board President Rhoades asked Executive Director Haas
  o Will Councilmember Noecker’s office will be offering a teleconference option for this meeting?
  o For any issues/commentary, contacting Councilmember Noecker is the current method identified to submit commentary on the project.

6. Town Hall Forum –Monica Haas
• Councilmember Noecker will be having a town hall open forum at the Linwood Recreation Center classroom on March 26th.
• Details will be posted as an event on the Summit Hill Association (SHA) website.
• Councilmember Noecker is asking SHA to assist with small-group moderators and registration/check-in at the event.

7. Grand Old Day—Monica Haas
• Peter Kenefick replied to the SHA questions regarding his group’s changes to Grand Old Day.
• President Rhodes requested Executive Director Haas to send the answered questions to the SHA board members. Thanks to Board Member Sonja for compiling the questions.
• The permit for Grand Old Day has not yet been applied for.
• E-mail vote between SHA meetings may be needed when the Grand Old Day permit is applied for.
• Board Members Beidler-Gearen and Aldrich asked if there was some knowledge of the permit deadline. While not organized by SHA, public perception of Grand Old Day typically puts some responsibility for the event on SHA.
• Executive Director Haas asked board members read and prepare questions for Grand Old Day in response to Peter Kenefick’s response. SHA’s primary area of concern from previous years is the behavior of eventgoers, noise, alcohol consumption, and debris.
• Board Member Beidler-Gearen inquired if there is a requirement of four feet of passable sidewalk space. Executive Director Haas recalled an issue in 2019 about alcohol being carried offsite once sold at Iron Ranger prior to their patio permit was approved.
• Board Member Mason asked why some of the question responses include “No response”.
• Executive Director Haas recalled one of the improvements in Grand Old Day for residents was the patrolling of alleys along Grand Ave.
• No action taken at this time, Executive Director Haas will be reaching out to Peter Kenefick for any question not responded to as well as any security questions.

8. Committee Reports
• Development Committee—Mary Beidler Gearen
  o Some learning opportunities from development efforts with the historical society.
  o Questioned any gatherings or fundraising events during the current pandemic.
    (Referring to the Progressive Supper)
  o Executive Director Haas mentioned that the print newsletter was distributed with a mention of the April 25th Progressive Supper date; the mention was to gauge interest.
  o $1600 raised in donations; most were received in January, acknowledgements will be sent in March. All thank-you letters for donations during the 2019 calendar year were sent out in January.

• Environment Committee—Karrie Knutson
  o Spring Plant Sale is on—place your orders.
  o Board Member Annie O’Connor is going to check the Square dashboard to gauge the volume of orders.
  o Orders are due March 26th. Delivery on Friday, May 1st at Linwood Community Center for pick-up on Friday or Saturday.
  o April 25th 9am-11am is the neighborhood cleanup day. This occurs on Earth Day. There will be prizes for attendance. Previous years’ prizes were Chinook Books and Myers’ cleaning products.

• Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee—Bridget Allan Ales
  o Next meeting is Wednesday, March 25th at 5:00pm, Senior Lounge, Linwood Rec Center.
  o Parabolic mirrors were delivered, sample stickers with SHA logo and STAR grant funding were included.
  o Contact information is included on the stickers to ask the mirror is returned to SHA should it be removed.
  o There is some good buzz after the recent print newsletter for mirrors; 2-4 residents have shown interest in having them installed.
  o Speed limit reductions will be occurring on interior streets, many county roads/trunk roads will remain 30 MPH.
Communications & Outreach Committee—Monica Haas
- E-News (Sundays on Summit) went out last weekend and another edition is coming out next Sunday. Open rate remains at 45%+
- The newsletter went to print and will be in mailboxes next week. Included are the plant sale order form and the garage sale order form.
- Please contact Monica if you know of any new sponsors interested in advertising in the newsletter.
- SHA is looking to get a Zoom account for virtual meetings of the board and committees.

Zoning and Land Use Committee—Denise Aldrich
- The Lunds and Byerly’s project is on hold.
- The proposed zoning changes to allow for limited foodservice in the homes (BC zoning) used as businesses on Grand Ave, after city review it will go to councilmember Noecker.
- Tony Johnson (City of St. Paul) will not be offering a webinar so the ZLU committee could see the final proposal for changes to the city’s parking requirements for new properties.
- The parking code changes will occur on June 12th to the city planning commission.
- ZLU will be putting together a list of questions and concerns regarding building requirements for parking at its next meeting to get on-record with the city.
- The next ZLU committee meeting will review changes to Multi-Family zoning rules.
- Board Member Bridgett Alan Ales will be reaching out to a city planner who is open to a meeting or information session on upcoming changes to zoning.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 24th.

Neighborhood Comp Plan Committee—Abhi Andley
- Two meetings have occurred since the February board meeting.
- The first meeting (February 20th) had Shari Johnson from the task force help form the team with some communication, scope, and priority exercises.
- March 4th meeting included a conversation about the comp plans from other neighborhoods as well as a review of the 2006 SHA Comprehensive Plan. The previous work plan ($25k estimate) was reviewed. Next steps are to decide on an approach and work plan to meet our budget.
- The community engagement part of creating/revising our comprehensive plan will likely take several forms (surveys, open forums, being at community events, etc) and can dictate the length of time needed. Most plans had an 18 month timeframe to be created.
- Next meeting: Wednesday, March 18th 7:00pm-8:30pm. Likely result of the next meeting will be a method, scope, and timeline to propose to the SHA board at the April board meeting. (Look for virtual meeting instructions, all board members will be invited.)

Policy & Procedure—Committee Report skipped

House Tour—Holly Geck
- 7 houses confirmed plus one VIP house
  - Still looking for 4 more homes
  - Dave Horner is contracted to begin home histories
  - During typical years, the date to obtain all confirmations is April 1st.
- ReMax has committed to one $10,000 sponsorship
- Kowalski’s has agreed to donate bottled water for goodie bags, requesting 2500
- Dixie’s will be hosting the VIP brunch
o Current ticket sales is 87.
  o Approaching The Lexington as a secondary site for the VIP brunch.

9. Executive Director Report – Monica Haas
   • After talking with board members, Monica will be temporarily working from home.
   • District council phone is at Monica’s house, she will be readily available by e-mail and phone.
   • There is a sign on the door of Monica’s office and the recreation center front desk with contact
     information in the event a constituent stops by.
   • Executive Director Haas is in the process of writing the next city grant and attending city meetings
     virtually when possible.

10. Treasurer Report-Abhi
    • Some revenue received from home tour ticket sales and annual appeal.
    • The Allina garden grant ($500) is expected during the next month.
    • Discussion occurred about the timing of financial reports prepared before board meetings—
      Treasurer Abhi asked Executive Director Haas to e-mail the accountant to request complete
      financial statements.

11. Announcements – President Rhodes.
    • During the COVID-19 coronavirus update there will need to be some accommodations (virtual
      meetings) to keep business going while preventing any possible contagion.
    • As the future financial situation is uncertain, it may be necessary to curtail expenses as fundraising
      activities are cancelled.
    • Monica will be getting the Zoom meeting account set up for committee and board meetings, once
      meetings are established ensure to communicate meeting log-in data via e-mail and on the SHA
      website calendar.
    • Executive Director Haas created a SHA Facebook post and added COVID-19 resources for local
      residents on the SHA website.
    • Board members, please keep an eye out for e-mails

Adjourned: 9:08pm

*Note: No items requiring a vote were raised at the meeting.

Upcoming Calendar Items
March 18th: Neighborhood Comp Plan Meeting
March 24th: Zoning and Land Use Committee Meeting
March 26th: Plant Sale ordering deadline
April 25th: Neighborhood/Park clean-up
May 1st/2nd: Plant sale pick-up