

## Union Park District Council Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, 12.09..2024, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:** James Johnson, Mary Morse Marti, Barb Thoman, Scott Berger, Allen Saunders, KC Cox, Amy Gage, Lisa Nelson, April King

**Guests:** David Czaia (resident)

**Staff :** Leah Timberlake Sullivan

### 1. Agenda and Minutes

- Saunders moved, Berger seconded motion to approve agenda and minutes, with correction to November minutes. Approved unanimously.

### 2. Updates & follow-ups

- Annual meeting Dec 4th
  - 2 new board members, other renewals. 45 attended. Change to sober friendly went well.
  - Snelling & University Alliance proposed & approved by board. New org, UPDC will give staff support, be fiscal sponsor
- CLUED
  - Emma Brown from PED will come to next meeting to talk 1-6 unit housing
- I-94 letter sent, other DCs interested in discussion/presentation from UPDC committee members

### 3. Open Forum

- Discussion of noise enforcement, Johnson's article in Streets.mn, his discussions with Ward 4 staff
  - <https://streets.mn/2024/12/03/street-illegal-a-hot-take-on-hot-cars/>
  - Is this a problem citywide, or just in more "privileged" neighborhoods? Encourage people elsewhere to make complaints if it is a problem there too
  - Sometimes "Privileged" people are the people who have time/energy/safety/trust in government to make these complaints
  - Issue of noise at night disturbing kids trying to sleep, true citywide.
  - Response to article?
    - Trivial problem? Reflects underappreciation of health effects of noise/irritation. Medical/psych effects whether it's "annoying" or not. Reducing noise would help people.
    - There isn't a noise map of the city, we don't know where it's noisier. Get a grant for a noise map? Enforcement might require changing state legislation.
    - Some companies will provide devices on a trial basis to collect some data. Johnson will follow up.
    - CIB project? Noise is citywide.
    - MN Pollution control agency used to have noise control, staff. Should elevate this concern with legislators. Last state noise report was 2015. MnDOT should be funding this!
- King hoping someone else can take over as a co-chair for the committee

### 3. Bicycle Benefits

- Saunders & Gage - got a list of St Paul businesses that had previously been members, started contacting businesses. Our Streets is the local organizer now.
- Seems to have kind of petered out during Covid. Businesses still seem interested. Takes persistence to get in touch with owner/manager.
- Possibility of combining outreach with giving businesses [info about how to get bike racks](#).
- More bike rack info: <https://www.movemn.org/initiative/bike-parking-saint-paul/>
- Bike racks have to be installed on concrete—in places with concrete boulevards they can go in sooner.
- Pitch the fact that showing up on the bicycle benefits map is advertisement
- Gage has cards & can get more, if people want to contact businesses. Shared google doc for keeping track. If interested, contact Amy & Allen.

### 4. Work Plan

- Brainstorming ideas and priorities for 2025. [2025 planning & brainstorming](#)

Adjourned 8:02pm

### Next Meeting:

Next meeting Monday January 13th, 2025 via zoom.