

North End Neighborhood Organization
Board of Directors Monday February 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting came to order with welcome and Introductions

Present: Karin Groening, Shannon Eckman, Ethan Osten, Katheryn Schneider, Betti Ingam, Rich Holst, Patrick McGuire, Alison Warford, Steve Struhar

Absent: Noel Nix, Matt Sletten, Jeanette Jones, Keith Allen

A motion to approve the agenda was M/S/A

A motion to approve the consent agenda was M/S/A

Special Election

Rich Holst explained the procedure for the special election, in place of a neighbor attending three meetings and then be seated by the board, special elections will take place quarterly for any open seats. There were no candidates for quadrants one and four. Thaw Tu Hso was a candidate for the youth position and Suyapa Miranda for the at large seat. Both candidates were voted in. A motion to seat Suyapa and Thaw Tu Hso was M/S/A. A motion to destroy the ballots was M/S/A.

Introduction of Code Enforcement Officers

Shawn Filowich and Dave Quast introduced themselves and discussed their roles. They work with Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) assisting the inspectors when they go out to complaints. They are a good asset and the North End is able to have direct contact with them. They problem solve-working on long-term issues. Members and neighbors should feel free to contact them directly

Financial Overview for 2018

Jordan Thomas was introduced as the new account. He discussed updating the chart of accounts to be clear and concise. Grants were broken down and correlated to expenses. An Excel expense budget was also created so members are able to track spending. A member would like to see a Quick Book budget which Jordan will create for next month. Staff mentioned that a marketing line item will also be included.

Committee Reports:

Friends of the North End

Katheryn Schneider said they are working on the Marydale Festival and a website has been created. They created a flyer for artists and hope to increase the activities. Staff mentioned a Cultural STAR grant will be submitted for both Marydale and Rice Street Festivals.

Transportation

Ethan Osten mentioned they were still working on a traffic circle on Rose, signage for Cayuga and a traffic signal at Western and Maryland Avenue. The chair David Sullivan Nightingale has resigned due to work. If anyone is interested let Ethan know.

Land Use and Housing

Betti Ingman went through the Land Use/Housing report. There were two board action items; the addition of entertainment and outside service to John's Pizza Cafe and a change of ownership for a body shop at 45 West Ivy. The board discussed the timing of the notifications and they will approve the

committee's recommendation but want to have advanced knowledge through an e-vote if there are timing issues. A motion to have the Land Use/Housing committee create a policy on license requests with a short turn-around was M/S/A

By Law Ad Hoc

The committee created the structure used for election voting. All future policies and procedures will go to the board for approval.

Land Use/Housing

A member reminded the board that land use was not thoroughly discussed. The housing survey was covered at the last meeting, NENO had two CURA interns and the housing stock to the south of the first area will be surveyed this spring. A CURA intern will be sought. The basketball hoop at Rivereast will be revisited to see if a hoop is now a possibility. A small group will work with the developer on the proposed housing at Rice and Sycamore. There was nothing to report on the Habitat for Humanity Project. It was suggested that if there is no board action required, the reports could go under consent agenda.

By Law Ad Hoc

The committee will begin to look at the policies and procedures. A motion to take the ad hoc committee into a standing Governance committee was M/S/A

Strategic Plan

Grayhall sent out to committee members a questionnaire-they request feedback by February 6, 2018. It is up to members to respond. The background of the Strategic Plan was discussed.

Youth Committee

The committee sponsored an event at McDonough and continue to reach out to the community. They plan to participate in the summer launch event.

New Business

Allocating stipend to the youth positions was discussed. A neighbor mentioned that Washington School gives bus passes. Funds are not currently in the budget. There could be a greater stipend for committee work rather than board membership. Additional incentives for participation was discussed. A motion to move this discussion to the youth committee was M/S/A.

Meeting adjourned