

District 6 Planning Council-Board of Director's Meeting
Monday May 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes
6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 with welcome and introductions

Present: Keith Allen, Gidget Bailey, Alison Warford, Rich Holst, Betti Ingman, Patty Lammers, Jeff Martens, Katheryn Schneider, Matt Sletten, Ronna Woolery, Noel Nix, Karin Groening, Steven Struhar, Brittani Bailey, Lynn Connolly,

Absent: Jeanette Jones, Patrick McGuire

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

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

Margaret Jones-Neighborhood Vitality Fellow- Department of Planning & Economic Development

Margaret Jones was hired for a twelve month fellowship in Planning and Economic Development (PED) working specifically in the North End she will be looking at gaps in investment. Ms. Jones is doing a North End listening tour. After gathering information, she will sit down with a North End Advisory Group and put together a more concrete plan with short-term and mid-term goals. She is willing to talk to any Board members. There are many issues including jobs and housing but there is also a lot of opportunity in the North End. She hopes if anyone has any leads on housing, economic development you would contact her. It is exciting that the City is bringing staff and resources to assist the North End in the work.

Lena Buggs Ramsey Conservation District-Board Supervisor

Ms. Buggs mentioned It was great to see a full Board. It was good to see so many people out planting trees at Marydale Park last Saturday. She wanted to talk a little about her priorities. She has started a school conservation program and will work with are high schools so students can migrate into jobs. The Governor is interested in aquatic invasive species. There is quite a few invasive species. They are collaborating with organizations such as Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD). Cost share programs are important. They will offer up to 50% of your project. The cost share program is open to residential and multi-unit rental property. They are a local and State Government Unit. Ms. Buggs has six District Councils in her area. There are community engagement forums. There are five board supervisors and there will be five community forums.

Election of Officers

The following are officers, Matt Sletten- Chair, Jeff Martens- Vice Chair, Patrick McGuire- Secretary, Gidget Bailey-Treasurer. Members have to have served on the Board for one year before being an officer. Current Officer's running? The answer was yes so the following officer positions are up for nominations from members.

Nominations for Treasurer; It was pointed out that since Gidget Bailey is not an elected member but appointed she is not eligible to run for office. Ms. Bailey pointed out that the Board voted her in as Treasurer and a member stated that she was simply accepted as Treasurer not voted in. Ms. Bailey would have appreciated knowing their position before the meeting. The Board has to be in agreement with the by-laws. Patty Lammers was nominated for Treasure, Lynn Connolly was nominated but it was pointed out she has not been on the Board a year and she was also appointed. There were no other nominations. A motion to accept Patty Lammers as Treasurer was M/S/A

Nominations for Secretary; Noel Nix mentioned that Patrick McGuire was not running for Secretary, Katheryn Schneider was nominated for Secretary and there were no other nominations. A motion to approve Katheryn Schneider was M/S/A

Nominations for Vice Chair Jeff Martens and Betti Ingman were both nominated as Vice Chair. Ballots were distributed and Betti Ingman received the majority of votes. A motion to accept the election results was M/S/A

Nominations for Chair Matt Sletten and Rich Holst were both nominated. Ballots were distributed and Rich Holst received the majority of votes. A motion to seat Rich Holst as Chair was M/S/A.

Appointment Seating

Betti Ingman stated she would like to appoint Joe Byrnes to the Board. A motion to seat Joe Byrnes was M/S/A.

Patty Lammers moved that Ethan Osten be appointed to the Board. A motion to seat Ethan Osten was M/S/A.

New Business

The MN Monthly magazine chose the Payne Phalen as one of the best neighborhoods.

Old Business

There was no Old Business

Board Comment

Karin Groenig suggested a subcommittee look into the by-laws.

Gidget Bailey accused members of having off site meetings.

Lynn Connolly feels like the Board is fractured and the dynamics are off. She does not see us accomplishing anything unless this behavior stops. There will be no longevity or balance. There should be no lobbying or phone calls, as a functioning Board this needs to be figured out.

Matt Sletten mentioned he has been on the Board for a while and he is proud of the community-there is no one agenda we work with the community. He agrees with Gidget Bailey and Lynn Connolly, we need to be timely, everyone gets the phone call or no one gets the call. We need to put our own agendas aside.. Matt Sletten stated moving forward we need to be objective. Rich Holst called most members, including Matt Sletten during the call Matt stressed objectivity. Rich Holst cares about his community. He feels that we agree on more than we disagree.

Public Comment

Renee Holst mentioned that the Holst's have been here for nineteen years and she does not see any division. The Board is doing extremely well for the community.

Ms. Buggs recognizes that there needs to be continuity and that sometimes there are differences. But we need to listen to each other and she hopes going forward the board can put the community first and put aside petty differences. She wishes she could be on the Board. The Willow Reserve group is starting their get togethers soon. The first one may be at Trout Brook.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was M/S/A

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM