

**Board of Directors
Monday August 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Ethan Osten, Karin Groening, Betti Ingman, Rich Holst, Steve Struhar, Allison Warford, Katheryn Schneider, Thaw Hso, Matt Sletten, James Berka, Henrik Weber, Suyapa Miranda

Absent: Tammie Johnson

The meeting came to order at 6:31 with welcome and introductions

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a report from the Transportation Committee was M/S/A

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

Committee Reports:

Friends of the North End:

Steve Struhar updated members regarding the Marydale Festival, there are approximately 32 artists registered as well as other organization, four bands have been booked, and the next task is a site plan and artist map.

Safe Neighborhoods:

They are working on a motion sensor lighting Year Round Neighborhood STAR grant guidelines and policies. The application is slated to be reviewed by the STAR Board in September.

Transportation:

Ethan Osten brought forth a recommendation from the transportation committee to have bike lanes on Western between Como Avenue and Front Avenue. There are three to four cars that park on Western between Front and Como. There will be no parking on east side of the street. A question from a member regarded community input, the office received one comment requesting opposite side parking. There were no comments from neighbors. A motion to recommend the City of Saint Paul proceed with planned bike lanes on Western Avenue between Como and Front. We appreciate that the City responded to resident feedback during the design process, and recommend that they continue to work with neighbors both during and after the project was M/S/A with one nay.

Rich Holst: Executive Committee Action Items vote on the Innovation Fund Activities and COPP funds

MN Council of Churches funding a part time person. Take the position and expand it out adding a staff position. A motion to approve the recommendations from the Executive committee was M/S/A

Betti Ingman: Governance Committee: Action Item vote on recommendation regarding email votes. Betti Ingman went over the email voting regarding items that require more immediate action. A motion to accept the policy regarding email voting; will be reserved for time-sensitive items that need to be decided on before the next meeting (board or committee). Members of the board or committee will have at least 48 hours to respond. If the turnaround time is less than 48 hours, the board chair or committee chair and NENO's Executive Director will coordinate a plan to reach out to all members involved. For email voting, a Google form

will be used with each committee member/board member's name and a space for voting (yes, no, abstain) and an opportunity to comment. No response will be considered abstaining. A majority vote applies. Email voting will not occur for any vote that requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to pass was M/S/A unanimously.

Action Item: Rescind the January 2017 Land Use Task Force motion: A motion that the permanent hoop will not be installed and is off the table for discussion for one year after opening. In the meantime, the district can explore and present specific non-permanent solutions with adequate notice for community input was M/S/A unanimously. To allow the permanent basketball hoop to be installed.

This item deals with Rivereast School's basketball hoop. Land Use used to make autonomous decisions which does not align with nonprofit work. Land Use brought forth a motion to approve the hoop in January 2017 however, it was not brought to the board and because of that it was not a legal vote. One option for the Board to consider; bring the original proposal to the board for a vote. There was little community input currently but in the past there were numerous conversations regarding this basketball hoop. The previous motion was read regarding the hoop. It seems odd to rescind the original motion it sets a precedent that the board looks at all motions made by the previous Land Use committee. The Board decided not to consider the January 2017 Land Use vote. The original motion is moot. A neighbor expressed that there was concern over the lack of community notification that the process should have been more transparent and the decision regarding the basketball hoop was likely made outside of a public meeting. It was mentioned that Land Use meetings are public. The motion to support the recommendation made by the Land use and Housing committee that recommends approval of a basketball hoop to be installed at River East was M/S/A unanimously earlier this year.

Vote on Adopting the North End Neighborhood Organization's Strategic Plan

GrayHall was present and reminded the board that there is editing work to be done. They will be doing an executive summary of the plan. We now have a plan and the community input was exhaustive. A motion to adopt the Strategic Plan was M/S/A unanimously

Capital Improvement Bond Presentation

Ali Abdiwahab, a budget analyst for St Paul, distributed documents regarding the restructuring of the CIB process. It started with definitions and what was previously done with the three task forces. Currently the city needs to engage people where they want to be engaged. They are going to do better by new initiatives and improvements. The model was redesigned. Their focus is on a long-term planning and collaboration. Taking politics out of the plan and relying on data. CIB budget is about 11 million dollars.

Recommendations from members included using alternate ways to get community input. Work with District Councils instead of consultants regarding engagement what other organizations could be tapped into. We were invited to identify what current assets need to be improved and what new assets could be created.

New Business

There was no New Business

Old Business

The Popsicle pop up event at McDonough Recreation Center is Friday August 6, 2018 from 5-7 PM

The next Rice/Maryland garden maintenance event is Saturday August 18, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Community Comment

A neighbor requested the following information, policies and procedures, conflict of interest statements and financials. It was mentioned that all non-profit 990s were on the Attorney Generals website, policies and procedures are being created by the governance committee, and the conflict of interest statement addresses a financial conflict.

Board Comment

The North End lunch program has been funded for this year and 2019. It is not a NENO program, but we are managing the funds for it.

Adjourn

