



North End Neighborhood Organization: Board of Directors
Monday September 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Karin Groening, Alan Richardson Hohn, Rich Holst, Melissa Michener, Matt Sletten, Alison Warford, Gerry Mischke , Steve Struhar

Absent: Ethan Osten, Katheryn Schneider, James Berka, Garrett McDermott, Tyrone Maxwell

The meeting began with welcome and introductions

A motion to seat Gerry Mischke to the Board was M/S/A

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda was M/S/A
Member request to have a financial overview in November

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Karin Groening-some innovation funds to use for Ta Pora to conduct a housing survey. A candidate form for Ward 5 is scheduled for October 10, 2019

North End Development Team-Alan Richardson Hohn

The team met with Eric Forbes 969 Rice Street whose project is a Jamaican Restaurant with a studio apartment in the back. The team approved a \$60,000 loan/\$45,000 grant with the expectation ground would be broken by October 31, 2019. Rice Street Boxing Gym did not get STAR funds-it really didn't meet the NEDT scorecard and did not have a business plan and the lease was overwhelming and the financials would not work. The application was withdrawn from NEDT. Nu La Ya Phan Market and Assafo African Market are scheduled to have their signage installed on September 18, 2019. Sab Zoo Trading Market and Ace Auto have submitted applications. Real Life Coffee and Yoga has requested an application.

Land Use & Housing: Matt Sletten

JME Transportation 290 Larch Land Use & Housing recommends approving the site plan and license application for JME Transportation to operate a small fleet of ten buses and/or vans. A motion to approve Land Use & Housings recommendation was M/S/A

Soe Doh 80 Cottage Land Use & Housing recommends approving a violation fine reduction from \$500.00 to \$250.00 with the condition he pave and stripe the back lot for additional parking. A motion to approve the Land Use & Housing Committees recommendation was M/S/A

602 Lawson Land Use & Housing recommends approval of rezoning 602 Lawson Avenue from RM2 to T2 to allow the downstairs be used as offices and break out space for employees. A motion to approve the Land Use & Housing Committees recommendation was M/S/A

1431 Rice Street Land Use & Housing recommends approval of a reestablishment of a nonconforming use vacant for more than one year with conditions; repave and stripe the parking lot, add a buffer between the sidewalks and property on all sides and new signage. A motion to approve the Land Use & Housing Committees recommendation was M/S/A

A member mentioned that we should look into a tracking system of businesses.

Friends of the North End: Steve Struhar

Volunteers are needed especially for set-up at 11:00 AM and take down at 5:00 PM. Steve Struhar went over list of activities and mentioned that there are forty- seven vendors. Yard signs were distributed to members.

Safe Neighborhood: Steve Struhar

The pop of events are finished and there is one light left at the office

Youth Committee: Karin Groening

The committee decided on T- shirt painting as their activity for Marydale and there is a possible paint the pavement being planned.

North End Neighborhood Equitable Scorecard for Development

The scorecard has been gone through and a motion to approve the scorecard was M/S/A

Redistribution of Quadrant Board Seats by Population

The redistribution does not affect current board members. This would distribute seats to a more heavily populated quadrant.

A motion to redistribute seats was M/S/A

Bylaw Change to reflect redistribution of board seats by population

The language regarding the change was distributed and the change will be voted on in October.

New Business

In October Ramsey County consultants will be at the meeting to present a timeline and additional information regarding Rice Street. The full board will determine the Rice Street vision and host any additional meetings with the consultants. .

7: 40 PM Old Business

Census

A grant was submitted to Ramsey County and staff has been in contact with Jeff Wigren 2020 Census, Partnership Specialist

Community Comment

Rick Keller distributed handout regarding trash and Waste Management and the contract in relation to people with disabilities. He also discussed the contract and the charter. He discussed with Amy Brendmoen's office the governor's accessibility website. People should ensure that the accessibility is available. The ten day rule was also discussed. Rick Heller discussed NENO's website and lack of accessibility. Who is taking responsibility? Asking NENO to make a public post so the City's website can be accessible. Question? Does the presenter have a resolution? People who need to use this? Dyslexia, ELL, learning disabilities would benefit. What is the ask? They have the policy but do not have a process that every documents that makes it to the website is accessible.

Board Comment

A member mentioned the need to continue the communication work

Adjourn