

# North End Neighborhood Organization

## Monday February 3, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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**Present:** Karin Groening, Steve Struhar, Gerry Mischke, Tyrone Maxwell, James Berka, Katheryn Schneider, Alan Richardson Hohn, Alison Warford, Rich Holst, Ethan Osten, Matt Sletten, Garrett McDermott, Melissa Michener

The meeting opened with welcome and introductions

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

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Executive Committee: Karin Groening**

The committee discussed NEDT project recommendations and a 2020 STAR application for North End Revitalization III. The committee recommends applying for \$150,000 of Neighborhood STAR funds. A motion to accept the committee's recommendation was M/S/A

#### **Friends of the North End: Katheryn Schneider**

The committee recommends that communications should go under Friends of the North End's umbrella since Friends is the engagement committee and then there would not be an additional committee. A motion to accept the committee's recommendation was M/S/A

**Transportation Committee:** Rich Holst discussed the wayfinding signage directing motorists to 34E and Stop For ME locations

#### **North End Development Team-Alan Richardson Hohn**

The ReMission Group presented their project. A motion to approve allocating \$45,000- \$24,437 out of 2018 Neighborhood STAR and \$20,563 out of 2019 Neighborhood STAR and \$55,000 loan funds at 3% from NENDC to ReMission Group to rehab the commercial part of a mixed use building at 228 Front Avenue is recommended. A motion to accept the committee's recommendation was M/S/A

#### **Safe Neighborhood: Steve Struhar**

An update on the Safety Fair, Saturday February 22, 2020 was given

#### **Youth Committee: Karin Groening**

The youth committee is working on pedestrian flags

#### **Land Use & Housing: Matt Sletten**

The committee recommends to the board that the license held by Lamplighter Lounge be revised to include:

- 1) The licensee shall employ properly trained and clearly identified security personnel who will be on duty starting at 9:00pm any day the business is open and remain until all patrons and staff have left the licensed premises and associated parking lot. Clearly identifiable shall mean a uniform or marked outerwear.
2. Security personnel shall ID and wand (or use other Saint Paul Police Department (SPPD) approved metal detection device) each patron and check all handbags and packages carried by patrons. This includes patrons re-entering and/or returning to the establishment.
- 3) Security personnel shall conduct outside sweeps of the building and associated parking lot at least twice per hour to disperse and discourage loitering in the parking lot adjacent to the licensed establishment.
- 4) The licensee shall create and maintain working video surveillance camera and lighting placement plan (video surveillance plan) inside and outside of licensed establishment, including coverage of associated parking lot. Licensee will submit the video surveillance plan to the SPPD liaison with the Department of Safety and Inspections for review and approval. In accordance with the approved video surveillance plan, licensee will ensure that video surveillance system is in good working order, ensure it can produce recorded surveillance video in a commonly used, up-to-date portable format, and ensure that accurate date and time of day are continuously visible on all recorded video. Licensee will retain

surveillance video for a minimum of thirty (30) days. If an incident is deemed serious by SPPD, licensee shall make surveillance video immediately available for viewing by SPPD. If a copy of the surveillance video for a serious incident is requested by SPPD, licensee shall have the technology, materials, and staff available to immediately make the copy. In all other cases, licensee shall provide a copy of the surveillance video to the requestor within 48 hours.

A motion to approve the committee's recommendation with the addition of licensed and bonded security was M/S/A

### **Lauren Lynch-Business Climate Survey Presentation**

Lauren Lynch the consultant engaged to create a business climate survey gave a presentation regarding who responded and what the respondents thought was important regarding the business climate in the North End. The Land Use & Housing committee will also hear from Lauren Lynch and will discuss the next steps.

### **New Business**

228 Front Avenue This property previously had a mixed-use building consisting of retail on the first floor and a dwelling unit on the second floor, but it has been vacant since 2018. The applicant is proposing to convert the building into a studio space and office on the first floor and a 4-bedroom unit on the second floor. The previous use required three (3) parking spaces and the property was grandfathered in with two (2) parking spaces. This building conversion requires five (5) off-street parking spaces, two spaces are existing, for a variance of three (3) parking spaces. Sara presented the plans for the building and discussed the need for the three-car parking variance. A member voiced concerns regarding three additional cars parking in the neighborhood and the area where the trash receptacles along the garage could be used as parking. There was also the observation that their vans are being parked outside. The applicant mentioned that the area was not large enough for a vehicle with a turnaround being necessary and the workers take the vans home so there would be no additional work vans paring overnight. A motion to approve a three-car parking variance was M/S/A.

### **Trust for Public Land**

NENO was one of five district councils that was awarded \$10,000 to work on engagement regarding the park system and greenspaces.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business

### **Community Comment**

There was no comment

### **Board Comment**

There was no board comment

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