

North End Neighborhood Organization

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Monday April 6, 2020

Present: Karin Groening, Matt Sletten, Steve Struhar, Melissa Michener, Ethan Osten, Rich Holst, James Berka, Tim Luedtke (Land Use & Housing) , Tyrone Maxwell

Absent: Gerry Mischke, Alan Richardson Hohn, Alison Warford

Community: Bailey Rutscher (Intern)

The meeting opened with welcome & introductions

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

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

Committee Reports

North End Development Team-Kerry Antrim discussed the conflict of interest statement the NEDT members will abide by, as agents of a non-profit board members should approve any agreement members enter into even a conflict of interest statement. A motion to approve the conflict of interest statement was M/S/A

Bill Dermody Presentation RM Zoning Study

Why the study? We have an affordable housing issue and the comprehensive plan calls for it. RMI zoning is for mostly smaller scale apartments. McDonough Homes is an example of RM2 and RM3 are public housing towers. Discussion included RM standards vs TN Standards. Conversions from duplex to triplex is difficult to do because of the square footage. Height and setbacks were not addressed. The public hearing will be pushed back to May 1st. Proposed amendments were discussed. The height up to 70 feet is being looked at and the planning commission would like feedback.

Single family converted to duplex could be controversial. All written comments by April 30th.

Board Action: Postpone the Annual Meeting and until the physical distancing mandate is lifted and/or research ways to possible offer on-line board elections.

A motion to postpone the Annual meeting until the physical distancing mandate is lifted was M/S/A. The bylaws specifically do not address alternate forms of elections. Staff will look into on-line elections.

Board Action: voting to extend the term limits of quadrant 2 and 4, Youth Position and Business Representation until the Annual meeting can be scheduled

A motion to extend the term limits of quadrant 2 and 4, Youth Position and Business Representation until the Annual meeting can be scheduled was M/S/A

Staff Updates

Staff has updated the message boards, researched restaurants and grocers in the North End, they are continually trying to keep with all the information coming out from multiple sources. They are working with Noel Nix in the mayor's office on Neighbor's Helping Neighbor's volunteer sign-in. We need to make sure volunteers are well vetted and/or people we know. They have connected with the North End South Como Block Nurse Program-they have volunteers but not as many seniors in need. They connected with both NEBA

and the North End Foundation regarding stipends for volunteers and connections for people in need but have not heard back so the message was recalled. Additional e-news are being sent out.

Jubilee Dee is working with Keystone regarding proxies to be able to pick up food at the food shelf and deliver it to people who are afraid to go out. It started on Friday and 6 families received the food.

NENO has a signed 2020 Community Engagement/Innovation and January, February and March's reimbursements totaling \$23,356.67 have been submitted.

Trust for Public Land: staff had a meeting with TPL and two more are being scheduled. The draft of the parks survey is done and has been sent to our partner district councils. HOURCAR is still working on what engagement will look like.

The Community Engagement Contract Workgroup met and is continuing to work on streamlining the contracting process for 2021.

The deadline for the AARP grant for additional benches at Trout Brook has been backed up to March 15th.

There was a meeting today to discuss how the City Council and other Boards will be working and how resident input can be gathered. The City is preparing GIS maps indicating where people may be isolated.

Conversation regarding neighbors who are digitally disconnected is discussed at most meetings.

The Washington Clean-up has been cancelled and the one at the Fair Grounds has been postponed

Kerry Antrim joined the Ramsey County Community Engagement Workgroup regarding food and basic needs security and distribution. The purpose is to work with the community to develop a unified food and basic needs supply and distribution system that is prepared to meet community needs, prioritizing our most vulnerable communities. The first meeting was today with another tomorrow-the hope is to have a plan in place by April 12th.

The City Wide Parks Clean-ups are cancelled.

We should be figuring out a way to maintain the 1199 Rice Street garden-possible volunteers each go a different day.

New Business

The Resolution condemning xenophobia and racism against our Asian American and Pacific Islander neighbors was M/S/A

Old Business

There was No Old Business

Board Comment

Katheryn Schneider discussed Friends and the fact 2 people could be working on the 1199 garden we will be having a Friends meeting in April. Melissa Michener's grandmother has been cleaning out the weed filled boxes on 168 Front.

Community Comment

There was no community comment

Adjourn