

North End Neighborhood Organization

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 3, 2020

Present: Karin Groening, Melissa Michener, James Berka, Tyrone Maxwell, Rich Holst, Alan Richardson Hohn, Matt Sletten, Gerry Mischke, Ethan Osten, Kerry Antrim (ED)

Absent: Alison Warford, Katheryn Schneider, Garrett McDermott

The meeting opened with welcome & introductions

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

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Committee Reports/Updates

North End Development Team

The sale of the Klub Haus 1199 Rice Street to Toua Xiong owner of HmongTown Market Place was discussed. Toua Xiong has requested \$100,000 grant/loan combination from NENO and NENDC. The project including purchasing the building is over 1.1 million dollars. The site will stay as an event center and the plan includes a remodel of the bathrooms and kitchen. A motion to approve the remaining 2019 STAR funds (\$41,287) and should 2020 funds be available allocate \$8713 from NENO and \$50,000 from NENDC was M/S/A unanimously.

Executive Committee

The virtual annual meeting scheduled for September 14th was discussed; the plan is to follow last year's schedule with updates to the community. We will have on-line elections and a newsletter is going out to approximately 9,958 residents. All the information is on the website. The executive committee recommends cancelling the Marydale Festival for 2020 due to Stay at Home Orders. A motion to cancel Marydale Festival 2020 was M/S/A unanimously.

Tiffany Pao Yang: Association for Nonsmokers

Tiffany Pao Yang gave a presentation for reducing smoking and assist in tobacco use prevention by banning tobacco coupons. A draft resolution was discussed and was sent to members. A motion to support the resolution, draft a resolution from NENO was M/S/A unanimously.

New Business

Ethan Osten brought to the board a request to change the name of Lewis Park to Roy Wilkins Park. A request to change the name was submitted; parks requested a resolution from NENO. Changing the sign is part of the CIB application NENO sent regarding improvements to the park. Roy Wilkins was a civil rights activist and lived across the street from the park. Lewis Park was named after the architect and the park has no affiliation to the apartment building. A motion to send a resolution requesting the change in name was M/S/A unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business

Board Comment

Melissa Michener told the members she was leaving the board and this would be her last meeting. Melissa Michener loves the neighborhood and will continue to help out with project but with her new position it is difficult to continue. Melissa will be greatly missed.

Community Comment

There was no Community Comment

Adjourn