

North End Neighborhood Organization

Board of Directors October 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Lou Michaels, Karin Groening, Michelle Boone, Dionne Alkamooneh, James Berka, Alan Richardson Hohn, Rich Holst, Ethan Osten, Katheryn Schneider, Tyrone Maxwell

Absent: Vito Sauro, Matt Sletten

The meeting opened with welcome and introductions

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

A motion to approve the August 2020 meeting minutes was M/S/A

Committee Reports/Updates

North End Development Team

Alan Richardson Hohn reported that NENO received the full \$150,000 Neighborhood STAR program ask, but the North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation did not so there will be no available loan funds for the program. The team has a couple of projects to review at the next meeting.

Executive Committee

Karin Groening discussed the executive committee's September meeting. The committee; The committee decided to rename Friends of the North End to Community Building to better reflect what the committee will be undertaking regarding community engagement, discussed the definition of a Family ordinance changes and agrees with the Land Use & Housing committee that a joint meeting with board members should be held. The committee decided to send the stop light change on Wheelock and Jackson and the parking challenges on Norton to the Transportation committee

Land Use & Housing

The committee recommends to the Board to seat Dionne Alkamooneh to the Land Use & Housing committee. A motion to seat Dionne Alkamooneh to the Land Use & Housing committee was M/S/A

Special Election

Dionne Alkamooneh completed a board application after online voting began. The bylaws reference special elections. A special election is to be held in October. The members of quadrant 2 voted to seat Dionne Alkamooneh.

Seating New Board Members

A motion to seat: Karin Groening, James Berka, Dionne Alkamooneh, Michelle Boone, Lou Michaels, Vito Sauro and Matt Sletten To the board was M/S/A

Nick Dryer: Discussion: Rice Street Dispatch

The project would have dedicated volunteers on Rice Street and volunteers would commit for one year. They would be charged with general beautification, interact with the community, remove snow from bus stops, help with gardens and events. Volunteers would get T-shirts and a stipend. Nick Dryer is looking for funds and assistance to identify volunteers. They would like to start before the snow flies.

Updates

Staff updated the board regarding the proposed fence at 168 Front, the garden at 1199 Rice needs attention and there is a need for volunteers to deliver food from Frogtown to 80/190 Larpenteur Avenue. The apartment has vulnerable and mobility challenged adults with no way of picking up the food. Frogtown had been delivering but lost volunteers and requested NENO identify drivers. It is every Friday, the food is in boxes and a volunteer would pick it up and drop it off. Jubilee Dee will deliver this coming Friday but we need additional people. A separate meeting will be called for the 2021 Work Plan.

New Business

Rich Holst brought up that some windows on Rice Street are boarded. It does not look welcoming and he suggests NENO send a letter asking that the boards be removed, offer assistance and if not removed DSI would be informed. There are points for a letter and against a letter; fear of the election and continued unrest. Other neighborhoods have removed the boards-is it an excuse to not have their windows open? You won't see that (removing the boards) happen if you ask nicely. The election should not be an issue. A motion to send a letter to businesses that still have boards to remove the boards within two weeks and if they are unable to comply they should contact the office was M/S/A with two nays.

After the vote a question was asked regarding NENO's liability if boards were removed would NENO be liable. Would NENO take the responsibility?

Old Business

There was no old business

Board Comment

There was no board comment

Community Comment

There was no community comment

Adjourn