

**North End Neighborhood Organization**  
**Board of Directors March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Matt Sletten, Katheryn Schneider, Lou Michaels, Dionne Alkamooneh, Vito Sauro, Rich Holst, Michelle Boone, Karin Groening, Alan Richardson Hohn, James Berka Stephen Horn, Tyrone Maxwell, Ethan Osten

**Absent:** Alison Warford

Meeting opened with welcome and introductions

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

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Executive Committee**

The committee prepared the March 2021 agenda and made the following recommendation; leave the decision as to how much NENO via the North End Development Team should request from Neighborhood STAR in 2021. A motion to accept the recommendation was M/S/A

#### **Building Community**

It was mentioned that Marydale Festival will be on this September

#### **Land Use & Housing Committee**

At February's meeting there was a presentation regarding the proposed North End Community Center at 1025 Rice Street. A variance is needed and the committee recommends supporting the variance request; code requires a 25 foot setback for a parking lot in RT1 zoning districts. Due to the size, orientation and programming of the park a 7-foot setback is designed for a requested variance of 18 feet. A motion to accept the recommendation was M/S/A

#### **Governance Committee**

The governance committee submitted the revised purpose statement:

The purpose of this organization shall be to equitably contribute to the cohesion, safety, and wellbeing of members of the North End community by helping resolve social, economic, and cultural challenges that exist in District 6 (i.e. the North End).

The organization will achieve this goal by strategically using all of the resources we can access to fairly provide the following services to community members, regardless of their race, religious/spiritual beliefs, national origin, citizenship, sex, sexual orientation, gender, or income:

- Provide recreational facilities within walking distance;
- Facilitate communication between residents, the district council, public agencies, and private businesses to express their needs and concerns regarding plans that will impact the quality of life in the community;
- Helping community members responsibly participate in influencing the community and the City;
- Work with community members to set goals for district projects and programs which may require resources, whether public or private, and to coordinate the neighborhood to obtain such resources;
- Helping create a healthy, resourceful environment for community members to thrive;
- Helping protect the community from danger and traumatic events and helping community members recover from past trauma.

Text in red indicate changes discussed at the meeting. Members should review the statement and it will be voted upon at the next Board meeting.

#### **Seating Soe Doh as a Business Representative**

Soe Doh owners SKD Auto Tek filled out a membership application to be a business representative on the board. Soe Doe moved here six years ago and is a Karen refugee. He started the business in the North End with his brother and is happy to join the board, help the community and make the neighborhood safer. A motion to seat Soe Doe to the board was M/S/A

### **Michelle Boone: Neighbors Now**

Michelle Boone attended the training offered by CURA and it dealt with community organizing using an equity framework-making sure everything is looked at through an equity lens. Michelle Boone posted the information on Trello under Building Community. There is another training on April 1, 2021 to discuss board representation

### **New Business**

Alan Richardson Hon sent out information regarding an ordinance change that would redefine Code 366A which deals with parade and assembly permits. A motion to send a letter to CP Brendmoen asking her to withdraw the change was M/S/A

### **Old Business**

Alan Richardson Hohn requested that a vote be taken on the support or non-support of the stop camp eviction letter. This was brought to the board's attention in January 2021. There was a community building meeting dedicated to this topic with support from all the attendees that NENO supports ending camp evictions. A motion was M/S/A with one abstention to request that NENO is listed as a supporter of the letter.

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### **Board Comment**

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Adjourn

