

North End Neighborhood Organization (d-6)
Board of Directors August 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present: Vito Sauro, Stephen Horn, Karin Groening, James Berka, Dionne Alkamooneh, Paul Ngyen, Matt Sletten

Absent: Rich Holst, Michelle Boone, Tyrone Maxwell, Soe Doh, Lou Michaels, Katheryn Schneider, Alan Richardson Hohn

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

Transportation Committee:

At the August 2021 Transportation Committee Rice Street Visioning concepts will be discussed and a recommendation regarding the concepts will be brought to the Board in September.

Executive Committee

The committee discussed having the North End Development Team as a sub-committee of NENO-due to contracts being with NENO. The North End Development Team is not in the bylaws as a committee of the organization and currently is defined as an independent committee. Since NENO applies for and receives funding for economic development, signs contracts, is ultimately responsible there needs to be oversight. Also, NEDT members are not covered under our directors' and officers' liability insurance.

Bylaw Additions Modifications

The governance committee brought the following recommendation to modify the bylaws:

The Governance Committee is proposing that the Board make two distinct changes to the NENO Bylaws; the intent behind the recommended bylaw changes described below is to make the voting process more efficient and to effectively acknowledge NENO Board members' leadership of and coordination of the North End Development Team (NEDT), respectively. All language in between square brackets ([EXAMPLE]) below is verbiage that we would like to add to the bylaws and all language that is stricken through (~~EXAMPLE~~) is language that we would like to remove from the bylaws. Language between quotation marks ("EXAMPLE") is currently included in the NENO bylaws and is used below to indicate the suggested placement of language that may be added to the bylaws:

Article 5 – Meetings, Section 8.

- "... Each Board Member will have one vote per issue."

[If a motion fails due to a lack of sufficient affirmative (i.e. "yes") votes, and if the number of affirmative votes is equal to or greater than the number of negative (i.e. "no") votes, and if one or more Board members abstains from voting under these circumstances, the Board member(s) that elected to abstain from voting affirmatively or negatively must provide the Board Chair with the reason for their abstention(s). This will allow the Board Chair to resolve problems that inhibit informed decision-making at Board meetings, if and when it is possible.]

Article 7 – Committees, Section 2.

- "... and to provide information and recommendations for action to the Board and/or City agencies as appropriate."

[North End Development Team

The North End Development Team is a committee comprised of representatives from District 6 Planning Council, the North End neighborhood, North End Business Association (NEBA), NeighborWorks Home Partners, Ward 1 City Council Office staff, Ward 5 City Council Office staff, and staff from the City of Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED). The group exists to identify and advise the District 6 Planning Council on development needs and opportunities in the North End in order to enhance climate and livability of the neighborhood.]

Bylaw vote on special election schedule

Article 4, Section 5.B.

- 2. The date, time, and place of the [Quadrant and At-large] elections shall be announced to the community at ~~6 months~~, 3 months, 1 month, and two weeks prior ~~up~~ to the day of the election.

Article 4, Section 5.C.

- ~~1. Special Elections will be held in October and January to fill vacancies.~~
- [1. Special election may be held at any Board of Directors meeting except for the annual meeting.]
- [4. The date, time, and place of the Special elections shall be announced to the community at least one month and two weeks prior to the day of the election.]

A motion to approve the bylaw modifications was M/S/A

New Business

There was no new business

Old Business

There was no old business

Community Comment

There was no community comment

Board Comment

There was no board comment

Meeting Adjourned