

North End Neighborhood Organization
Board of Directors May 3, 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, Paul Ngyen, Nate Nins

Absent: Rich Holst, Michelle Boone, Tyrone Maxwell, Soe Doh

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

Building Community

Marydale Festival was discussed, a \$5,000 grant is going to be submitted to the Cultural STAR program. The City Wide clean-up was pretty successful.

North End Development Team (NEDT)

NEDT recommended \$2677.42 for signage at Kyaw Karen Market 945 Rice Street to be paid out of NENO Star funds. A motion to accept the recommendation was M/S/A

NEDT recommends \$45,000 grant for Hi Hi Event Center and \$25,000 loan for Tracks to be paid out of the North East Neighborhood Development Company's STAR funds-this is to ratify a previous email vote. A motion to accept the recommendations and ratify the email vote was M/S/A unanimously

Land Use & Housing Committee

At March's meeting the committee heard from the applicants and recommends approval of two projects:

385 Topping a rezone from B1 to T2 to allow housing on the property. A motion to accept the recommendation was M/S/A unanimously

240 Sycamore a conditional use permit to allow a salvage yard at 240 Sycamore. A motion to accept the recommendation was M/S/A unanimously

The committee recommends approval of a sign variance to the Port Authority for 240 Arlington. A motion to accept the recommendation was M/S/A unanimously

A presentation on the Saint Paul's Zoning Code regarding parking regulations was given by the Department of Planning and Economic Development planners. After discussion committee members agreed that eliminating instead of reducing parking made the most sense with one dissent. A motion to support the elimination of parking regulations in the Saint Paul's Zoning Code regarding parking was M/S/A with one abstention

Youth Committee

The commit plans to restart and Paul Ngyen was present at the meeting. He plans to assist with the committee and to join the board.

Governance Committee

The committee plans to have language regarding special elections to the board next month. It may be that elections will be held every other month.

Executive Committee Seats

Motions to seat Vito Sauro as chair, Alan Richardson Hohn as vice chair, Dionne Alkamoonah as secretary and Stephen Horn as Treasurer M/S/A unanimously

North End Development Seats

A motion to seat Nate Nins as an at large seat to the North End Development Team was M/S/A

A motion to seat Lou Michaels as a North End Neighborhood Organization representative was M/S/A

A motion to seat Alan Richardson Hohn as a North End Neighborhood Organization representative was M/S/A

Committee Discussion

The Land Use and Housing committee is the most active, the role of other committee was discussed; there has been few agendas from chairs and little assistance to keep the committees up and running. Agendas need to get to the office in time to be on the website should Transportation be rolled into Land Use? Discussion included there are quite a few meetings, Land Use and Transportation have a lot in common and maybe Transportation being a sub-committee of Land Use & Housing for a little while. Transportation needs more people and more marketing. There are going to be major transportation changes in the near future. Additional discussion can take place at June's meeting.

Strategic Plan

We should be looking at the Strategic Plan, where we are at and make any needed adjustments. The committees should look at their sections and report back. A longer discussion on the plan will be in June.

New Business

There was no new business

Old Business

There was no old business

Board Comment

There was no board comment

Community Comment

There was no Community Comment

Adjourn