

**North End Neighborhood Organization (d-6)**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday September 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Vito Sauro, , Dionne Alkamooneh, Paul Ngyen, Matt Sletten , Michelle Boone, Lou Michaels, Katheryn Schneider, Alan Richardson Hohn

**Absent:** Rich Holst, Tyrone Maxwell, Soe Doh, Stephen Horn, Karin Groening

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**

The committee discussed the September special election, approved the board agenda. Ward 5 is planning on hosting a community meeting regarding 444 Maryland Avenue.

**Land Use and Housing**

Madeline Brozen is applying for a rental rehab loan from the City for a structural beam in the tuck under garage to stabilize and structurally enhance the property at 1234 Rice Street. A letter of support is necessary for the application. A motion to send a support letter was M/S/A  
1415 Rice Street-Tulshi Kharel-Application for Wine on Sale Malt on Sale (Strong) Tulshi Kharel attended the meeting to discuss the application. A motion to recommend approval of the application with the conditions set forth by DSI and to waive the 45 day waiting period was M/S/A.

**Building Community**

Marydale Festival was discussed

**Transportation**

The Rice Street Visioning project was discussed with the board. A motion to recommend concept A where appropriate (BRT Lane) and where not feasible implement Concept B was M/S/A with two nays.

**Bylaw vote on Abstentions and North End Development Team as a Standing Committee**

The board discussed bylaw changes in August. A motion to M/S/A the following changes was made:

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 projects.

#### **Special Election:**

There were no applications for quadrant 1 or quadrant 4. Nate Nins ran unopposed in quadrant 3. A motion to seat Nate Nins to quadrant 3 was M/S/A.

There were two applications for District Wide, Steve Tuckner and Mary Mangen. After compiling on line votes and board member votes Steve Tuckner prevailed by one vote. A motion to seat Steve Tuckner to the district wide seat was M/S/A

Paul Nguyen ran for a youth seat. There were no other applications. A motion to seat Paul Nguyen as a youth representative was M/S/A

The special election closed

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business

#### **New Business**

There was no new business

#### **Community Comment**

There was no community comment

**Board Comment**

There was no board comment

Meeting Adjourned