

**District 6 Planning Council-Board of Director's
Monday February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Matt Sletten, Rich Holst, Katheryn Schneider, Jeff Martens, Gidget Bailey, Brittani Bailey, Lynn Connolly, Betti Ingman, Patty Lammers,

Absent: Patrick McGuire, Ronna Woolery, Joe Byrne's, Keith Allen

Welcome & Introductions

A motion to approve the agenda with the following changes; email vote of purchasing 168 Front Avenue read into the record (approved) a discussion regarding term limits for NEDT was laid over until March 2017 meeting was M/S/A

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

Councilmember Amy Brendmoen-Ten for the North End

Cm Brendmoen discussed the Ward boundaries but tonight she was here to discuss the North End Development Team, it is a committee that came together after the demise of Sparc, the former CDC. The committee is charged with economic development. Ten for the North End is an initiative to get 10 million development dollars to the North End in 18 months. The second phase is to catalogue and assess what is currently being done, Willow Reserve, Marydale Park, Sylvan Fields, Habitat Homes, Rice Street Study, including new and current projects there is about 4.5 million dollars invested. Other initiatives, a RFP for the Rice/Larpentuer went out with nine firms expressing interest. Safe Routes to School initiative is receiving \$815,000 for sidewalk infill and other projects.

Signage for Ten for the North End? Yes, there could be lawn signs and other signage. Will Ten for the North End be involved in lean urbanism? The North End is one of five neighborhoods. If the North End is not chosen for the pilot, we still win because it is in Saint Paul. Ward 5 and District 6 has an intern working on housing initiatives/rental rehab in the North End. The project focusses on Class D properties, and the North End has eight class D properties. If property owners are not cooperative, there is no interest in that property. Each property is different.

A neighborhood vitality fellow Margaret Jones, will be working in the North End for nine months, boots on the ground to assist in economic development in the North End, looking at livability and walkability.

Forecast Public Art District Arts [DARTS] Partnership Project

This initiative will go under Friends of the North End and Friends will give updates to the Board.

Seating a member of the North End Development Team

Rich Holst nominated himself to be on the NEDT. Lynn Connolly was also nominated. A question was asked if the applicants would give a talk about their qualifications. Rich Holts withdrew his nomination. A motion by Rich Holst that Lynn Connolly be seated on the NEDT was M/S/A.

Seating New Members

Ethan Olsten has lived in the North End for approximately eight months, teaches Latin and is a co-chair of the Bicycle Coalition. He has broad interests in the North End.

Steven Struhar has been in the neighborhood for ten years, he is interested in helping out and being involved.

Karin Groening has lived in the neighborhood for 12 years, she has worked in mental health and now wants to get involved in the neighborhood and work on getting the diverse community involved.

A motion to seat Steve Struhar for precinct 2 was M/S/A

A motion to seat Karin Groening for precinct 2 was M/S/A

A motion to seat Ethan Olsten for District Wide for the remainder of the term was M/S/A

New Business:

Visit Saint Paul Bus Tour, they are planning a tour of the North End for March 6, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Members are invited to participate.

Code Enforcement will be attending the February 13, 2017 Police Community meeting.

Yer Chang, the new recreation director for McDonough and Rice introduced herself and discussed community engagement and expanding out to other neighborhoods.

Old Business

There was no old business

Public Comment

Lena Buggs discussed the Better Bus Stop Campaign and mentioned that Ramsey County Conservation is working with Better Bus Stops on green projects. Any projects we would like done we should call Lena Buggs. The projects would be for green infrastructure; rain gardens, green fill in sidewalks, native plantings. The North End needs additional green infrastructure.

Bangkok Thai Deli will have a groundbreaking ceremony on February 21, 2017. The structure will be coming down.

168 Front Avenue

The Board agreed by email with ten voting members to purchase 168 Front Avenue.

Board Comment

There was no Board Comment

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was M/S/A