

**District 6 Planning Council-Board of Director's Meeting
Monday June 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Katheryn Schneider, Alison Warford, Steve Struhar, Rich Holst, Betti Ingman, Karin Groenig, Jeanette Jones, Ethan Osten, Matt Sletten, Lynn Connolly

Absent: Noel Nix, Patti Lammers, Keith Allen

Welcome & Introductions-Ice Breaker: what is the most recent north End restaurant you visited?

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

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

Resignations

Rich Holst discussed board member's resignations, Joe Byrnes, Gidget Bailey, Brittani Bailey, Ronna Woolery and Jeff Martens have resigned. Lynn Connolly read Brittani Bailey's resignation and Gidget Bailey's resignation. Lynn Connolly read her resignation. ***"Please note an addendum to recognize Jeff Martin's letter of resignation, already shared with board members, as part of June's minutes."***

Action Item: Cancel the July 3, 2017 Board Meeting and schedule a Board Boot Camp Training Session for Board and committee members on July 10, 2017. Contract Map for Non Profits to bring Board Bootcamp training and authorize payment up to \$1,000 for twenty attendees

Rich Holst discussed MAP and Board training; the fee would be closer \$800 than the \$1,000 quoted. There is a motion and a second on the table, comments; was a great idea there would be three hours of training. MAP is a great foundational training to understand roles and responsibilities, as the Board is relatively new it is a good idea. Motion carries unanimously.

Action Item: Formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review and change the organizations by-laws

There was broad concern from members that the by-laws should be looked at; 2/3 of the board would need to ratify any changes. A motion to form an ad-hoc committee to review and possibly change the by-laws was moved, seconded. Discussion was who would be on the ad-hoc committee. Would recommendations affect all committees, yes, it could, by-laws govern District 6, it was noted that Land Use is autonomous from the Board, We would tap into other resources in making changes. Motion carries with 2 nays (Matt Sletten and Patrick McGuire) Please contact Betti Ingman by Friday June 9, 2017 if you are interested in being on the by-law committee.

Action Item: North End Development Team-Appointing a board member as the District Council Representative and create term limits

The North End Development Team currently does not have a District 6 representative. It deals with economic development, 5 Minute Fitness, JMT Subs, Klub Haus are a few projects NEDT has financed. Rich Holst is currently the community representative. A motion to nominate Jeanette Jones to the NEDT was M/S/A. A motion to nominate Rich Holst to the North End Development Team was M/S/A.

Term Limits are needed and it was suggested that the term limits that would be staggered. Rich Holst would be happy to take the shorter time, one term will expire a year from now the next term would expire two years from now. A suggestion is to wait until the ad-hoc by-law committee deals with the term limits for NEDT-a motion to move term limits of NEDT to the by-law ad-hoc committee was M/S/A unanimously.

Committee Reports: Action Item-***accept recommendations presented by committees***

Executive Committee

Recommendation to assign the Transportation Committee to the Board of Director's oversight A motion to move the transportation from Land Use to the Board as a structural change was moved and seconded. Discussion followed; a comment was made that most of transportation falls under Land Use, Land Use is focused more on permits; buildings what transportation entails was questioned-interaction of public right of way portion of the neighborhood, there were concerns regarding city assessments for the Como/Burgess, it is separate the Board makes a recommendation that costs the residents-it does involve land. In other neighborhoods, Transportation is not under Land Use, It is premature, the motion carried with three yeas for nays-motion fails.

Recommendation Betti Ingman and Patty Lammers will prepare and submit two Saint Paul Foundation grants; one for community building and one for organizational capacity building grants. There is an opportunity to apply for the abovementioned grants-outreach and another organizational capacity building. The 2017 grants are due mid- July. Betti Ingman started the process today and is reaching out to the Foundation. A motion to have District 6 Planning Council Executive Committee apply for foundation grants was M/S/A

Outreach Meeting-Karin Groening: *Discussion item: discuss the outcomes of the Outreach Meeting*

Karin Groening gave a recap of the outreach meeting notes.

There are issues in how people get information and get connected. The Karen Organization has a monthly meeting on the 16th of each month. CM Brendmoen has a Karen intern that will begin working on outreach. There was also discussion regarding renters possibly a renters' fairs,

A possibility to put this under the by-law Ad-Hoc committee, draw others in, it should be a part of all efforts. The first process is to make those connections, how you institutionalize this. Como has a diversity committee maybe check out other district councils, Mac Grove has an outreach committee. The first step is to get out and talk to people. The outreach committee will be included in the by-law discussion.

Old Business

Update: Bangkok Thai

An email from May 23rd was read; there were delays due to footings, concrete and utilities will be going in. September is the date to open.

Update: Maryland/Rice Rain Garden

Staff gave a quick update. Capital Region Watershed and Ramsey County Conservation are not going to be funding the infrastructure on the rain garden due to Ramsey County working on Rice Street. Ramsey County Conservation thought there would be grant dollars to install a garden-those funds more likely than not will not be available. The Maryland/Rice garden will go under Friends of the north End.

New Business

A member reminded members to block out time for the neighborhood clean-up.

Habitat for Humanity site with the possible contamination was discussed. Habitat is expected to send an update early next week.

Kimberly , Lift to End Poverty attended to discuss under represented people-they teach voter engagement workshops. She is requesting District 6 to collaborate with them regarding Bust the Ballot doing community work by throwing ice cream socials or other block events.

There are a couple of social groups to tap into. They would need funds to throw the event. They would like to do two events in the North End with a estimated cost of \$200-\$300 per event.

An Executive Committee recommendation to move funds from the building fund to the checking account to reimburse the checking account for the furnace cost and to fund the banners until reimbursements are made A motion to accept the recommendation contingent upon receiving from CM Brendmoen that letter supporting the project was M/S/A

Public Comment

A question regarding open seats was asked –all the information is found on the website.

Sycamore Towers and refurbishing them was discussed with the possibility of making it a community event. This project will be discussed further.

Board Comment

There was no Board Comment

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM