

District 6 Planning Council-Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Monday November 6, 2017 6:30 PM

The meeting came to order at 6:32 with welcome and introductions

Present: Alison Warford, Matt Sletten, Rich Holst, Betti Ingman, Shannon Eckman, Patrick McGuire, Karin Groening, Steven Struhar, Shannon Eckman

Absent: Noel Nix, Katheryn Schneider, Keith Allen, Jeanette Jones

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the June 2016 board approval of expending COPP funds to conduct an economic development study on Dale Street under Old Business was M/S/A. *(Unanimous)*

A motion to approve the consent agenda with noting that Jeanette Jones was absent in October 2017 was M/S/A *(Unanimous)*

Action Item: Vote on organization's name change to North End Neighborhood Organization
In October, there was a conversation to change the name to be more of reflective of the neighborhood, not a number. The vote can be pushed to December's meeting, due to the attendance of 2/3 of board members needing to be present to vote. The name is being changed in branding only, a new name sounds friendlier. A motion to push the vote to the December 4, 2017 meeting was M/S/A. *(Unanimous)*

Neighborhood Honor Roll Nominees

Staff gave an overview of the honor roll and possible nominees that the executive committee suggested. Zach Pierson from the library was suggested as a nominee-he has gone above and beyond what a staff member does. Discussion centered on Flawless Presentation due to the fact of the economic development and the work done on the building, Community School of Excellence was discussed their longevity in the neighborhood, the new school, representation of the community, working with the council and their partnership. Toasted Wine, a small liquor store on Como Avenue, they own the building, have hosted neighborhood gatherings-it is an example of a business owner who has improved their business and works with the neighborhood. A motion to nominate Zach Pierson was M/S/A. *(Unanimous)* An email will be sent asking board members has any other ideas for nominations and a poll for the other nominees mentioned, the top two will be nominated for the honor roll.

Action Item: remove Katheryn Schneider as Secretary and vote Katheryn Schneider in as treasurer. There were no other volunteers for treasurer. A motion to seat Katheryn Schneider as treasurer and remove her as secretary was M/S/A. (*unanimous*) A Secretary is needed and will be decided at next month's meeting. Patrick McGuire, who has served as Secretary in the past expressed interest, the position will be voted on in December.

Recruitment of Youth Members- Discussion included rolling this in general recruitment and expand this discussion, members should come with ideas. A question to recreation staff regarding youth members-it may be difficult to have them a commitment. They think it is a good idea; the structure may be a little different. The voting age has been lowered to sixteen. A neighbor mentioned tying this into an internship. Transportation could be an issue and payments could be made as well as mentorship. Shannon Eckman would be willing to assist in defining the recruitment. There needs to be a plan, there may need to be off-line work to define what it would look like to be most beneficial. Is there a possibility for independent study class or an internship? An ad hoc committee Karin Groening, Shannon Eckman, Katheryn Schneider was formed to move this forward and bring the committee structure back to the Board.

Action Item: December's meeting and Thanksgiving at McDonough. It was decided to meet on December 4, 2017 as scheduled. At that meeting the City grant, city budget and work plan will be ratified. The funds received from the City is used for general operating costs and work plans and additional documents historically have been sent to the council's program manager late December to get contracts routed for signatures which could take up to forty-five days. If the entire all-in draft budget is done by that time it will also be presented to the Board for approval.

Updates

Betti Ingman discussed the resident council meeting at McDonough and met Patricia, the resident council chair-we are looking at different ways we can collaborate with them, each committee could hold one meeting at McDonough in 2018-to draw in participants. It is a challenging area and is a huge piece of our community in both residents and geography. Saint Paul Foundation Grant working on equability and inclusivity-a organization strategic plan with an eye to equitable engagement.

New Business

Three community members are interested in joining the board. There are many opportunities to be involved, Land Use/Housing, Transportation Committee, Friends of the North End and an

Equitable Inclusivity committee is being planned, Safe Neighborhood, and by-law ad hoc committee. The following are interested neighbors; Josh Inteman-2 meetings, submitted, Jordan Thomas and Suyapa Miranda-application submitted.

Additional bike racks were installed in the North End

Old Business

The vote in June 2017 to expend COPP funds needs to be added to June's minutes. The funds were used for a market analysis-it is a challenge in drawing in businesses in the North End.

Public Comment

Courtney Loveless, Recreation Specialist, is interested in how Parks & Recreation at McDonough can work with District 6. At McDonough, Parks and Recreation is downstairs and has youth programming, upstairs at PHA there are additional community resources. McDonough youth have difficulty paying sporting fees. Community work could be done for sponsorships, fees are adjusted and in 2018 and the fee families would be responsible for is \$10.00.

Kia Thao SSPD-Community Engagement Specialist introduced herself, they are relatively new. In addition, they work out of headquarters.

Board Comment

There was no Board Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM