Kingfield Neighborhood Association

Board Minutes

July 14, 2010

Present: Chris Sur, Scott Bordon, Jon Barber, Mark Brandow, Marshall Onsrud, Arthur Knowles, Destin Nygard, Tom Parent, Tamara Eirten, Rachel Bond, Randy Niemiec, Brook Lemm-Tabor

Absent: Brad Kalina

KFNA Staff: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Guests: SW Journal Reporter, City Reps from NCEC

No community forum – new reporter from Southwest Journal in attendance.

# Board Discussion on Role and Needs to replace NRP for Kingfield

## A. Chris gave us a summarized background of how NRP affected us and how the changes may impact KFNA.

## B. How will funding will work for funding for projects and grants?

**C. James Trice with Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC)**

1. Mr. Trice said there would be a set amount of monies ($3 million) allocated equally to each neighborhood to use how they see fit.

2. There would also be two additional funds 1) community neighborhood funds 2) community initiative funds.

3. Once they are done with all their meetings, there will be 45 days to review all the input. After that approximately Oct/Nov. city council will finalize proposals and the process will be established. As now established, approximately $42,000/year would be available to each of the 72 neighborhoods.

4. James introduced Billie Imhoede regarding her role as outreach and team member**.**

a. Billie (access and outreach team member) Portion involves how to break down barriers in regards to diversity issues regarding language, hearing impaired, disabilities. Other role is as an interpreter for City of Minneapolis. Will be part of the outreach process.

**D. Chris asked James to address some of the concerns from other neighborhoods.**

1. How detailed should the allocation of funds be? Less bureaucratic – checking in maybe every few years.

2. Auditing may b requested from City to show how the monies are being used. Maybe provide assistance in websites, communications, and paperwork.

**E. Chris inquired as to formula issue - #3 on list. Maybe more funding based on need, housing, outreach, etc. How will the money be allocated, regarding goals and plans.**

1. Have numerous projects on board, Dog Park, community School, Lyndale partnership (Wall Dog reference ) 10 murals – anti graffiti/anti crime project. We have developed our own website, promotion of National Night Out – signing up community members for committees and ongoing projects. Business facade and reconstruction. Currently working with City on Nicollet reconstruction including $160,000 art grant in conjunction with the City. New projects including $1,000 for Lyndale School arts project and also $2,000 for Nicollet Square project all funded by the success of our Annual Kingfield Art Sale.

**F. Future goals and James Trice introduced Mark Hinds, elected member on the NCEC..**

1. Stated commissioners are reviewing data from neighborhoods. Input important.

2. Arthur commented that we have been working on building the neighborhood and our success of image building that encourages involvement within the neighborhood and pride in their participation. The continuing building of community is the direction we are pointing.

3. Chris asked for input from our two business owners, Mark Brandow and John Barber.

a. Mark has noted that people relate to the neighborhood far more than they did in the early years (25 years ago). He notes how he joined the board as a businessman it opened the association up to another way to look at how the neighborhood functions.

b. John commented that KFNA had assisted his growth in his business and some of the things that have been done have added value to the neighborhood.

4. James asked as to how the new program would impact us and the reply would be if our funding was impacted negatively, either in quantity, flexibility, staffing and other intangibles.

a. More red tape would not be a good thing. Some of the early processes were more competitive and caused issues with potential success. It would be important that we knew our funding was stable and our staff was not in jeopardy.

b. Arthur and Chris both stated that if the proposal went forward to divide the $$ up equally we would not fare as well as we have been.

5. Mark Hinds inquired as to what are the important contributing factors? Rentals vs. single family dwellings, residential numbers are a couple of the factors. Communication and things that connect people are important. Insurance, phone, internet, etc. If $42,000 were what we would receive, we would lose staff. We are operating at about twice that.

a. Arthur stated that we are receptive to the new initiative but questions why fix what isn’t broken.

b. Destin noted that NRP was good at building neighborhood infrastructures. There is a needed baseline that grants will not serve as well. In explanation infrastructure means staff, communications, etc. Minimum level is needed to continue functioning at our level of success.

c. Sarah LR noted that the City and the Police have already approached the neighborhoods for help. We have become a resource to the aforementioned organizations. We have had the luxury to be invited to the table. Commissioners are on the record that the money funded is not adequate.

d. When only grants are available, the neighborhoods that don’t have the ability to create those grants are going to be adversely affected.

**G. The city can help make certain that the neighborhood associations are truly just that. That everyone has the opportunity to hold positions of power within the organization.**

# New Business

1. **Window Cling to identify neighborhood resident cars**. Community initiated grant associated with CPaS. (Tamara). See CPaS notes.

1. Idea originated with block meeting to help curb unsavory activities.

a. Possible cross promotion with other Kingfield committees.

b. Distributed for nominal price at initiated neighborhood office, Farmer’s Market

1) Motion to approve community initiated grant by Arthur – seconded by Mark

Passed by everyone in attendance (see names in attendance above)

1. **SuperAmerica letter regarding pollution – 40 and Lyndale Task force focused on getting rid of vacant SA but East Harriet had lead. Redevelopment Committee has been asked to look at this again.**

SA has lost ability to develop vacant store due to inactivity.

1. **BRT follow-up – they are considering two bump outs to provide easier access for alternative transportation (bike).**
2. **Climate change grant proposal – update on city grant – office of sustainability –**

1. Made purchase of hour car possible last year.

2. This year it’s focused on buildings – supporting solar installations – found company that provides leasing of equipment and they will install and maintain.

a. Sarah LR will continue looking into this. Aerial survey is being done to see if this would be good models for our Nicollet businesses.

# Event Update

1. **National Night Out – Need sign up. Chris requested good volunteer response. Tuesday, August 3.**
2. **Farmer’s Market Sign up**
3. **Dog Park Community Meeting** –

1. $47,000 has been allocated and there will be on July 22 in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social.

1. **School board forum on July 21, 6:30 p.m. Ramsey School.**

1. Scott noted special thanks to Meg Hoyt and to Sarah LR for all their work on this project. 2. Sarah noted the journal has been very supportive

# Reports –

**A. Secretaries report** – amend minutes to show approval of $2000 motion for public art for a future mural, as well as $2000 for the Nicollet Square SPEAK project. Motion to approve was seconded and minutes were approved

**B. Treasurers report** – Sarah is doing year-end reimbursements for NRP.

**C. Redevelopment** – Nicollet – not sure of Council timing of mailed communications for the meeting. Attendance was low at community meetings. Next step is to get core leadership team together to plan steering committee for future planning. Lots of good questions not answers.

**D. Dog park report** regarding meeting on July 22 we need to keep staff informed of actions.

**E. Youth and School communication**

1. Youth and schools would like to work the Farmer’s Market to promote community school pathway. General discussion was held and determined that members may not promote one school over another.

2. Specific statement to commitment to a community school has been assigned to committee to develop.

**F. CPaS – Police are aware of problems with residence in 3800 block of Blaisdell.**

1. Police are aware of problem and are responding every time called. Clings as noted above will be available. Working on contact list of block contacts.

**G. Blaisdell/1st avenue bike lanes will probably not go in this fall.**

**H. Brueggers are donating to Project Footsteps, coupons are available.**

The meeting was deemed to be over and Arthur moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed by all present.

Respectfully submitted, Brook Lemm-Tabor

Secretary, Kingfield Neighborhood Association