

## **KFNA BOARD SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

### **Board Members Present**

Aaron Schaffer, Ashley Siljenberg, Dan Swenson-Klatt, David Fenley, Lesa Hudak, Madelyn Sundberg, Matt Klausner, Scott Mueller, Dean Laite (alternate), , Rikki Honnold, Sarah Linnes-Robinson (staff)

### **Board Members Absent**

Lisa Szczkoski-Bzdusek, Dane Esethu, Whitney Emanuel, Anit Bhatia, Robert Roedl (alternate)

### **Also Present**

Stacy Sorenson – City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Support Specialist

**Call to Order** – President David Fenley

### **Bord Business**

Anders Christensen has resigned from the board. Rikki Honnold, currently an alternate, will take his place as a voting member for the KFNA board.

Consent Agenda: Previous month's minutes. Lesa moved to approve and Rikki second. Ayes all.

Q1 Report: Aaron moved to approve and Matt second. Ayes all.

KFNA has funding available for neighborhood residents under the Community Initiated Grant program. The purpose of this program is to allow community members to use up to \$3000 on a project that is consistent with the mission of KFNA. NRP funds are used for this program. An application is available on our website.

The City of Minneapolis will be partnering with KFNA for the purpose of promoting voter registration. This will be a door knocking campaign. Volunteers are appreciated.

Nicollet residents have been notified by door hanging that Nicollet Ave will be closed to traffic during Nicollet Open Streets on September 18th.

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, KFNA will host a pizza party using our new pizza oven. All neighborhood residents are welcome. Volunteers are appreciated.

Dan requested that the Board look into leasing a plot of land owned by Nicollet Square/Beacon for additional community garden space. The plot would require an initial investment in infrastructure. Due to its large size, it may be suitable for a partnership with an urban farm. Lesa moved for Sarah to discuss a 3-5 year lease with Beacon. Rikki second and ayes all.

Volunteers are needed for the Farmers' Market on 10/16 and 10/30.



## **NRP Summary**

Stacy Sorsenson joined our meeting to explain NRP funds and discuss our current status.

KFNA is currently in full compliance with Phase I. We are not fully in compliance with Phase II. The City of Minneapolis requires that 80% be spent and 95% contracted. Our money has been saved for large redevelopment projects that are currently in the planning phase.

KFNA may apply for a waiver. The application deadline is 10/28/16.

If the waiver is not approved, KFNA may need to accelerate the spending of NRP funds that remain unspent and uncontracted.

Rikki moved to request a waiver & Lesa second. Details and a draft letter will follow by e-mail. Ayes all.