



**Kingfield Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting April 12, 2017  
7-9 PM MLK Park**

**Members in attendance:** Anthony Hsu, Aaron Shaffer, Ashley Siljeborg, Dan Myers, Dan Swenson-Klatt, David Fenley, Erica Torres Bagaason, Hetal Dalal, John Sessler, Lesa Hudak, Lisa Skrzeczkoski-Bzdusek, Madelyn Sundberg, Scott Mueller

**Members absent:**

**Others in attendance:** Sarah Linnes-Robinson (staff), Cheryl DeGroff (staff) Dean Laite (alternate), Guests: Jennifer Waisanen (5<sup>th</sup> precinct), Lt. Danny May (5<sup>th</sup> Precinct), Elizabeth Glidden (city counsel), Heather Bray, Anders Christensen, John Beggs, Matt Perry, John Barber, Royce Woam, Brad Bearson, Chris Dolezal, Karl Petersen.

**Meeting Chair:** *David Fenley*

**Meeting Secretary:** *Lisa Skrzeczkoski-Bzdusek*

**Confirmed quorum:** 13 Directors/7:05 PM

**KFNA Board Agenda 3/8/17**

**7:00 Call to Order—*David Fenley, President***

**Community Forum:**

1. Community comments on 43<sup>rd</sup> and Nicollet Pedestrian Safety Measures/Tests.
  - An overview was presented that the issues of 43<sup>rd</sup> street came up in July meeting. The specific issues at that time were commercial trucks blocking driveways, safe crossways, and residential street parking. After the hit and run, the city bumped up installation of bollards. Will also have signage for pedestrian crossing at farmer's market.
  - Input from Odds and Ends is that parking is an important issue because a lot of outsiders coming to the area businesses.
  - Dean Laite stated he thinks the issue is people going through lights, not parking.
  - Karl Petersen highlighted the concern with parking especially during snow

emergencies. Also, impossible to cross Nicollet at certain times of day because of all the traffic, doesn't believe a median will help.

- Aaron Shaffer explained how he has experienced the benefits with medians with his work on the Midtown Greenway coalition. The median they installed at 28<sup>th</sup> has caused cars to stop and wait for pedestrians.
- Ashley Siljenberg expressed how parking is a concern but safety of pedestrians crossing is a significant concern. Also, parking so close to the corners that cars have to pull out really far to see around them.
- Low Brow indicated that losing 21 parking spots is not the best solution and would have a huge negative impact on the businesses. Also, Revival is adding 70 more seats which makes parking needs even greater. The businesses have recognized the safety concerns and have been trying to come up with solutions as well such as moving bus stop to 44<sup>th</sup>, better lighting (like flashing lights).
- Scott Mueller suggested putting painted crosswalks like was done at 35<sup>th</sup> and Pleasant and 36<sup>th</sup> and Pleasant for Lyndale School.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday April 25, 6-7:30pm at the Aliveness Project (3810 Nicollet Ave, South) community room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

## 2. Presentation by Community Crime Prevention Specialist on 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Kingfield Crime Stats

Jennifer Waisanen presented current crime trends. Kingfield has more property crime than violent crime, not much violent crime. Since January there have been 3 robberies, 4 aggravated assaults (mostly domestic) and 11 burglaries (4 with force to main house, 2 without force, 3 garages with force and 2 garages without force). 5<sup>th</sup> precinct has had increase in property crimes last 2 years. Most are crimes of opportunity (people leaving things in car or garage doors up). 5<sup>th</sup> precinct has been promised eight new officers for night watch – walking footbeats. Not sure if any will be in kingfield specifically. Lots of resources going to uptown with number of bars/restaurants. Board members expressed concerns about 3633 Grand – Jennifer Waisanen noted that it has been deemed a nuisance property.

## **KFNA Business**

### **Update on Bank Change**—*Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Executive Director*

New account has been set up with Bremmer

## **Housekeeping**

### 1. Conflicts of Interest Declarations

- Dan Swenson-Klatt – business owner, request for services/products
- Scott Mueller – provides promotional products
- Madelyn Sundberg – Member of Heritage Preservation Committee

## Consent Agenda

- KFNA January, February, March, and Annual Meeting Minutes. Scott Mueller noted that listed order of alternates is not the actual order they would fill in openings on the board. Sarah will confirm order of alternates. Lesa Hudak moved to accept the consent agenda, Ashley Siljenberg seconded. Motion passes.

## Updates

1. Welcome Packets, *Cheryl DeGroff*
  - Inquired with block leaders about handing out packets, only 16 of 97 said they would.
  - Takes lots of staff hours to stuff and get out. We haven't handed out any since July. Do we continue to go forward with this project?
  - Consensus among board is that this is valuable project. We have two committee meetings next week that we will stuff and distribute packets. For packets from July to present we will only put in booklet since we do not have enough add ins from businesses.
2. Minneapolis Foundation Grant Application with LNA – granted
3. Equity and Outreach, *John Sessler*
  - Meeting this week. Working on pricing out facilitator for board training. Have found facilitator that is neighborhood board specific. Discussions around 2040 equity plan – meeting in a box.
4. Earth Day Plans and Needs, *John Sessler*
  - Earth Day celebration 4/22 from 9:30-12:00. Will have master gardeners, info on composting with compost giveaway. Lesa moves to spend up to \$350 on compost/Madyln seconds. Motion passes.
5. Eagle Scout project update – none
6. Community garden site, *Dan Swenson-Klatt*

## Board Discussion Items

1. ADA Policy Draft, *David Fenley*: needs to be in place by June
2. Empty Bowls Report, *Sarah Linnes-Robinson*: attendance down 150 people. Scott Mueller suggests the same percentage donation as past - % change in donation = to % change in attendance.

## Moved to the Next Meeting due to Time

- Empty Bowls Report: decisions on donations

## Upcoming Meetings of Interest

1. **Southwest Communities "Future of Neighborhoods" Conversation**  
**May 8th, 6:00 pm (dinner) 6:30 - 8:30 pm (program)**  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55409**  
The neighborhood organizations of Southwest Minneapolis, in partnership with the Minneapolis Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations,

invite you to come discuss your viewpoint regarding the future of neighborhoods, including creating stable communities through respecting residents' voices and empowering local solutions. Attendees will work with other Southwest residents to discuss current and future challenges facing neighborhoods and suggest policy and funding streams to support communities to creatively address these challenges.