



**Kingfield Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting September 13, 2017  
7-9 PM MLK Park**

**Members in attendance:** Anthony Hsu, Ashley Siljenberg, Dan Myers, Dan Swenson-Klatt, David Fenley, Lesa Hudak, Lisa Skrzeczkoskii-Bzdusek, Madelyn Sundberg, Scott Mueller, Robert

**Members absent:** Aaron Shaffer, Hetal Dalal, John Sessler

**Others in attendance:** Sarah Linnes-Robinson (staff),

**Meeting Chair:** *David Fenley*

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

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

**KFNA Board Agenda 9/13/17**

**7:03 Call to Order—*David Fenley, President***

**40<sup>th</sup> STREE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE UPDATE (*Mary Altman, City of Minneapolis*)**

- Seitu Jones (artist) designed railing, collaborated with engineers to make it workable for the railing.
- Pattern reflects former houses/trees that were in the gap of the highway and in the neighborhood. Should achieve some nice shadow effects on the pavement.
- Wanted something for the freeway audience and the pedestrian audience
- Open Hand element will be as you enter on both sides to incorporate the fact that the bridge is “bridging” communities.
- Adinkra symbol to represent unity and democracy
- 3 big pillars on each side, 5 pillars total. Each pillar has a light
- Construction of bridge starts next spring, which means railing starts next fall
- Need to start raising funds: plans to go to city for funding through their art budget. Funding gap is \$66,000
- Kingfield will cover the cost of taking the murals down – we can decide if we want to put them back up and/or whether we want to change them.

**LYNDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTATION (*David Weingartner, Stephanie D,***

*Principal Mark Studhuaer )*

- Lyndale Neighborhood Association helped with mural
- Named the community school in 2010
- Traditionally half of the enrollment Somali EL. Last year they cut off transportation to students outside of the enrollment area so lost 79 somali students. This in turn led to 9 staff members being cut.
- Lyndale Attendance Neighborhood: lake to 46 and Hwy to Dupont. 500 kids at the school plus 20 High-5. This year at 521 (Including High-5)
- Last year we had 32% capture rate in Kingfield, Kenwood was 62%, Burroughs was 82%, etc. Since 2010 we've lost about 30% Kindergarten students.
- Lyndale was racially identifiable school – 85% student of color. Only school to get off that list so not as segregated racially.
- Sit council asking for boundary change to support enrollment, reduce magnet school choices, bring back EL option, increase capture rate.
- Incoming kindergarten class has almost 0% latino where school-wide it is 25%
- Wanting support: had booths at events in the past, publicity via the kingfield newsletter, financial support (other neighborhoods have done support in the past) East Harriet bought a piano, lyndale advertises in newsletter and partner with mural.
- Suggestion about getting article in newsletter and spot and farmer's market table and even at pizza oven.

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

1. REPRESENTATIVE FOR ANDREA JENKINS FOR CITY COUNCIL

- Seeking concerns or input to bring to Andrea that she can address for the community

**KFNA Business**

**Consent Agenda**

- FY2018 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report
- July Board Minutes
- Lisa Skrzeczkoski-Bzdusek moves to approve, Ashley Siljenberg seconds, motion passes

**Get Out The Vote:** *(Dan Myers)*

- Did outreach activities where neighbors indicated most important issues to them, info in the newsletter, some door-knocking.
- 280 + votes and about half left additional comments. Most popular choice was education. Based on this, what is kingfield's agenda?
- Lyndale wrote grant for this – getting \$3000.
- Forum October 12 at Sabanthani with potentially city council candidates first and then at 7:00 the mayoral candidates. Those who have fundraised at

least \$5000 can participate (in order to limit to 6 candidates).

- In terms of our input with the southwest neighborhoods would be to just give the fact that we polled neighborhood and these are the percentages rather than any detailed interpretations of the data.
- Really need board participation in door-knocking. Starting 9/23 there are about 2-3 days a week. Look for Dan's email for signing up.

### **Board Discussion Items**

1. **COMPOST GREEN GRANT OPPORTUNITY:** Hennepin County Green Partners Composting Education Grant. Submitted letter of interest, they will select those to participate in training, if you do then will likely give us \$10,000. Trainings 9/25 and 10/16. We are at 55% green bin participation.
2. **HOUSING DISCUSSION:** property on 46<sup>th</sup> (between Pillsbury and Pleasant) that has been vacant and boarded. City of Lakes Community Land Trust closed on it. Land Trust buys property and affordable for 99 years. Sell properties, but not the land. Has drawn up proposals of taking loans from neighborhoods to offset cost of loans for housing.
3. **EQUITY AND OUTREACH – BOARD TRAINING WITH ERICA THORNE**