

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Retreat
MINUTES**

Sunday, February 9, 2014 5:30 PM – Butter, 3700 Nicollet Ave

Attendance: Jess Alexander, Hetal Delal, Kaitlyn Dennis, David Fenley, Dean Laite (Alt.), Roger Maldonado, Jason Montgomery, Scott Mueller, Robert Roedl, Lisa Skzeczkoski-Bzdusek, Dan Swenson-Klatt, Mark Waller, Nancy Weiss
Also present: Cheryl DeGroff, Sarah Linnes-Robinson

What Makes Us Feel Like We Belong?

Hetal – Karate	Kaitlyn – Housing Co-Op	Robert – The Righteous Mind
Nancy – Eclectic	Jason – Sports	Dan – Sense of Earnestness
David – Contributions	Jess - Punk	Dean – Born Again
Scott – Familiarity	Mark - Church	
Roger – Running Group	Lisa – Tri-athlon	

The Powers of A Nonprofit Board

Hetal discussed what boards can and cannot do, such as hiring and firing of personnel, and fiscal responsibilities.

The History of KFNA in 5 Minutes or Less (Reported Verbally, Not in Pantomime)

Sarah provided a brief history of neighborhood associations, how the Kingfield Neighborhood Association was created, and information about original funding and current funding from the City of Minneapolis. She explained that we are required to work with the City to identify community issues and solutions, including neighborhood improvements, to hold an annual meeting, and to have a public election of board members.

Crowd Sourcing Great Ideas: Setting Our Work Plan for the Year to Come

6 potential projects were presented to the group:

- Porchfest – submitted by Kaitlyn
- Community Garden Education Center – submitted by Dan
- Boulevard Vegetable Gardens – submitted by Jenny
- Monthly Outdoor Movie Nights – submitted by Scott
- Community Open House Event – submitted by Robert
- Equity Committee for KFNA – submitted by Jess

Other ideas were not selected and here is a list of these, the submitters name, and a brief description why this idea was not chosen:

- [Community Talent Show – Whatever You’ve Got, Show it!](#) – submitted by Nancy, Not selected for further exploration because there was a great similarity with porchfest, main difference was artists homes or venues throughout the neighborhood vs. central stage and timing of acts.
- Multicultural event—submitted by Dean. Not selected for further exploration because there felt to be great similarities with both the talent show/porchfest idea or possibly with a known happening event the Open Streets Nicollet which will be in partnership with Lyndale Neighborhood in September.

- Pizza feed behind Butter with the truck to benefit Nicollet Square—submitted by Jason. This idea was not selected because it was felt to fit into the larger idea of utilizing the space behind Butter as a garden education center.
- Race and Justice Dialogues/Roundtables (draft title) –submitted by Roger. This idea was not selected because it felt like a first step or strategy that a larger group of neighbors working as part of an equity committee might decide to take.
- Door knocking/canvassing –submitted by David. This idea was not selected because although it is action oriented it would be the action of either a equity committee, or information gathering team effort.
- Mission Money Matrix Dashboard and Increasing Annual Giving—submitted by Mark. This idea was not selected because it is a board focused action for management and communication both internally, and to the greater community.

There was a great deal of support for the 6 selected projects, with many people supporting more than one of them. Instead of narrowing the field immediately to three ideas for action, it was decided that each of the 6 selected projects would go back to the original presenter to 1) meet with other board or community members to flush out their idea and 2) further outline the idea and the types of actions that might be required to move the idea forward. Board members interested in these ideas were requested to work with the original presenter, especially if one of their ideas that was not presented might be a good partner for one of the 6 that were selected.

*Minutes provided by Cheryl, KFNA Project Organizer, and Sarah, KFNA Executive Director,
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