

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
March 12, 2014-- MLK Park
MINUTES prepared by Sarah Linnes-Robinson**

Present

Mark	Waller
David	Fenley
Dan	Swenson-Klatt
Jason	Montgomery
Roger	Maldonado
Jenny	Lock
Kaitlyn	Dennis
Jess	Alexander
Scott	Mueller
Robert	Roedl
Hetal	Dalal

Absent

Nancy	Weiss
Lisa	Skzeczkoski-Bzdusek

Also Present:

Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director
Peter Jaeger, MLK Park Director (since 2.5 weeks ago)
Brad Bourn, MLK Park commissioner
Samantha Smart Merritt, Inner City Tennis Executive Director
Elizabeth Glidden, 8th Ward Councilperson

Call to Order

Presentation by Samantha Smart Merritt, InnerCity Tennis Executive Director.

Introduced her organization and discussed their programming and the renewal of Minneapolis Park Board Lease, & mandatory CAC Process due to desired enhancements of facilities which are on public Park Board land. Following the meeting Mark Waller, KFNA Board Member volunteered to serve on the CAC for this project this spring (anticipated to be April-June).

Presentation by Peter Jaeger, MLK Park Director

Brief history of his 20 plus year career with the Park board outlined, as well as a list of spring and summer programming with a focus on new initiatives including youth gardening education in the Mosaic Garden in cooperation with the Hennepin County 4-H and Master Gardeners and KFNA, and an archery program for youth beginning in August.

KFNA Office Elections:

- President—Waller nominated Dalal/ Alexander seconded. Ayes by all.

- Vice President—Mueller was nominated and denied the nomination. Fenley was nominated by Mueller and Alexander seconded. Ayes by all.
- Treasurer—Dalal nominated Waller. Mueller seconded. Ayes by all.
- Secretary—Skeczkoski-Bzdusek was nominated by Dalal in absentia after indicating her willingness to serve in this post. Alexander seconded. Ayes by all.

All officers accepted their posts.

3rd Quarter Financial Presentation—Mark Waller, Treasurer

The 3rd Quarter Income and Expense statement was talked through including any significant discrepancies of either. Waller had taken the time to make comments based upon questions he expected but Linnes-Robinson also urged the group to review this statement before the board meeting and to submit questions before hand as they are easier to answer with all documentation available at the office. The budget looks very close to what was predicted in all areas.

The report was modified to include the current Mission Money Matrix for recent projects—this will be a tool that KFNA continues to use to evaluate its programs.

The Pie Chart of Employee tasks per category was reviewed by the board with two questions arising: What exactly is Development Work? Staff allocates time to this category for both grant research and writing, direct mail work, but also large fundraising projects that do not have an outside grant supporting them (for example Empty Bowls and So Alive); the rationale is that time spent on these projects is fundraising for the partner organizations. If a project receives its own grant the project receives a separate category for billing and tracking purposes.

Does this Chart look any different to staff than it has in the past? Staff commented that this quarter, for the first time, it does appear to be allocated slightly differently particularly with more of the pie going towards development work. This could be the result of just finishing two large fundraisers in the month of Feb which skewed the pie a bit, or it may be in part to having a permanent part-time organizer throughout the entire year (Cheryl's position) which has allowed the Executive Director to spend some more time working on both grant research and partnerships.

Housekeeping Items

Passing of the Board Minute Sign-up Sheet

See attachment

Consent Agenda: none

Upcoming Events/Task Forces that Need Volunteers

Linnes-Robinson walked the group through a number of upcoming events highlighting where and when each project needs assistance or a leader. Volunteers who stepped forward are noted in these minutes.

- **ReOpen Nicollet** (led by City of Minneapolis)—after discussion, Dalal nominates Swenson-Klatt and Alexander seconds.
- **Judson Street Fest** (led by Judson Church, KFNA asked to organize and staff bouncy items)—after discussion enough people raised their hands to say they would be available to staff bouncy items and possibly an info table from 11 AM- 5 PM.

- **Babysitter Speed Dating/Babysitter Red Cross Training**-- (already being organized by KFNA and led by Weiss)
- **Bread Oven/Bees**—both initiatives moving forward but if Board Members want to get involved just let Linnes-Robinson know
- **Cultural Cafes** at the Mosaic Garden—dates set for end of summer for three of these, would love Board involvement on planning these.
- **Garden Tour on July 10**—led by Community Garden Group but would love board involvement.
- **Nicollet Open Streets**—first planning meeting is March 26, 6 PM, Lyndale offices. Grant received for \$10,000. Event will be Sept 14. Would love board involvement on at least a “programming” committee and possibly a “logistics” committee. Attending this first meeting for any potentially interested would be useful—let Linnes-Robinson know!
- **Get Out the Vote grant**—joint neighborhood initiative. KFNA will receive funding to do outreach related to increasing voter registration and turnout. Alexander has already been in communication with Linnes-Robinson about working on this initiative on behalf of the board.
- **Freedom Jazz Fest and MLK Legacy Council**—KFNA Board and community need a representation on this group.

Questions a Reports Provided for So Alive or Empty Bowls

Few questions were raised concerning the reports submitted. Mueller asked is the park permit fee for Empty Bowls had been settled upon yet. Linnes-Robinson responded that it has not been Jaeger interjected that it is policy to pay this fee and the board should know that all the money paid would be used only at King Park for additional programming or facilities improvements as the Park Director sees fit so the money would go to a much needed cause. Mueller was thanked by Dalal for his dedication and hard work to both conceptualize and host So Alive.

Board Big Ideas: Setting Our Work Plan for the Year to Come

6 potential projects were presented to the group:

- DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AS THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO LAUNCH AND DESIGN THIS EVENT WHICH THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF EXCITEMENT ABOUT. KAITLYN AND SARAH WILL TRY TO MEET IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AND ITEMIZE A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT PATHS FOR THE EVENT AND THEIR PROS AND CONS: Porchfest – submitted by Kaitlyn
- TABLED: Community Garden Education Center – submitted by Dan
- JENNY PULLING UP VICTORY NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDELINES AND SARAH SENDING HER KFNA’S OLD BOULEVARD GARDEN GUIDELIENS: Boulevard Vegetable Gardens – submitted by Jenny
- NOT DISCUSSED DUE TO TIME: Monthly Outdoor Movie Nights – submitted by Scott
- BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AND STRATEGIZED ABOUT GOING BACKWARDS THOROUGH REALATORS TO PUBLICIZE OUR EVENTS AS GREAT TIMES TO OFFER OPEN HOUSES? ROBERT WILL TRY AND CONENCT WITH A GROUP OF INDEPEDNTAT REALATORS THAT MEETS AT BUTTER ON A REGOAR BASIS: Community Open House Event – submitted by Robert
- JESS CALLING FOR INTERESTED PEOPLE TO CONTACT HIM FOR AN INITIAL DISCUSSION: Equity Committee for KFNA – submitted by Jess