

KFNA Board Meeting
May 14, 2014

Board in attendance: Jenny Lock, Jess Alexander, Jason Montgomery, Mark Waller, Hetal Dalal, Scott Mueller, Lisa S-B, Rob Roedl, Roger Maldonado, Nancy Weiss
Absent: David Fenley, Kaitlyn Dennis, Dan Swenson-Klatt
Staff: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

7:00 pm -- meeting called to order

7:05 pm -- Introduction of audience members -- owners of neighborhood restaurants and candidate for NCEC 6th District

7:10 pm -- Neighborhood discussion -- signs stating "Need Cash Fast" that seem to be suspicious. Matter will be brought to Cheryl DeGross.

7:15 pm: Discussion of Redevelopment 70/30 licenses relating to neighborhood restaurants. We discussed 70/30 at our last meeting but needed some more information about how the mechanics of the amendment -- proposed change would take the 70/30 (i.e. 70% food, 30% alcohol sales regulation) -- see minutes from Redevelopment meeting on April 30, 2014 for more detail.

Scott: What action do you wish us to take?

Blackbird Owner: June 4 City Council meeting @ 4:30 pm where support would be helpful

Victors 1959 Owner: If KFNA feels that we want to get more involved in some capacity in order to stay in the loop, they are open to that. But not asking for anything specific.

Charter Commission, City Council, and Mayor need it to pass without voter input. City staff are resistant to having the change happen through unanimous vote. City attorney office feels changing the charter would not stand. i.e. Likely not the way the charter would change. Signatures is another way to get on the ballot in November. Collecting more signatures also helps. Help in educating voters what they are deciding on if it gets to the November ballot.

Hetal proposes a motion that KFNA recommends the changes to the charter amendment (as indicated on the back of the agenda--insert proposed amendment here). Scott 2nd. All are in favor, no one against, no abstentions. Motion carries.

Next NEVA meeting is annual meeting, May 21, 2014, 5-8pm at Frame-Ups.

7:30 pm: Mark presents FY2015 budget. \$20k income that goes to reserves. Wages frozen over the year. Some changes to how we put the budget together -- for example pulling special events out of the budget so we can track our operations). Also consider new individual fundraising strategies.

Question from Dean: Do we have any funding for home improvements in the neighborhood? Answer from Sarah: Currently no, but possible to discuss with MN CEE about future programming.

Sarah discussion: We also pulled in-kind out of budget -- makes budget more complex. Will still keep track of in-kind donations on events but in reality if we cannot find someone to do in-kind services, we are not going to do them. The idea is to show the potential cost but it makes things more complex. Money from events also sits in our checking account and then goes back to organizations. Pulling that revenue out means that \$100k of our \$150k revenue is from City -- not very sustainable. One other factor -- people may attend KFNA special events and think they **are** giving to KFNA already. Discussion points -- we have had fundraising events but those events have gone down a bit. Mark plans to write a monthly column on fundraising / finances in KFNA newsletter. Sarah has discussed some ideas tying into the walking tour.

Will be bringing fiscal policy and procedure changes to next meeting. Sarah has started including registration fees for some events and need to regularly start charging for those events. Also need to look at set fee or sliding scale fee

Mark motions to approve budget as is, with the amendment to increase Sarah's salary and the corresponding amount in FICA and unemployment tax by 5% and decrease our payment to the reserve fund by 5%. Jess 2nd. All are in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

8:10 pm: Utility Box Wrapping Project -- received \$9k grant to continue Phase II of utility box wrapping project. Cost of grant is materials, call for artist, review images, and process for putting stickers on utility boxes. 1) Request to Board to accept grant, 2) Ask for Board members to serve on Utility Box Wrapping project team. Artists do not need to be adults -- some of the artists are youth, etc. Lisa, Roger and Nancy are interested in participating on panel.

Mark motions to approve grant funds for KFNA, Roger 2nd. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

Driftwoods Char Bar - owner Heidi Fields has asked the for an entertainment license upgrade. When she asked for upgrade, KFNA got an update from city. Asked if there have been violations in past, how do neighbors feel, etc. Reviewed extensive list of 911 calls at Driftwoods for noise. (Some unofficial talk about how a lot of the phone calls came from one party.) Some violations about too many musicians on stage -- part of license upgrade is to increase # of musicians of stage. Ongoing noise complaints in general though for years. Redevelopment committee discussed how owner Heidi could do outreach to neighbors -- we don't really know how neighbors feel. With license change, there needs to be a public hearing through city. Committee recommended that KFNA Board not make an opinion until hearing takes place. First week of June is a likely time for public hearing.

Curb culture Pop-Up Art Happenings -- approval of spending restricted funds raised through Eating for Art. On Eating for Art day, we tell neighborhood restaurant clientele that we will use the funds for art in the neighborhood. Usually we have a super-specific project when we go to businesses. The intent for Eating for Art was to

spread art to all businesses. Sarah needs approval to set up another Pop-Up Art project

Motion to approve Curb Culture Pop-Up Art Happening. Roger motions, Mark 2nds. All approve, no nays, no abstentions. Motion carries.

MLK Community Garden -- Peter Jaeger is new park director. Tripling the size of the garden beds for MLK Park. Urban Agriculture public policy meeting coming soon.

Porchfest -- pulled from June to-do list -- felt like big hurdle to get there in June. Sarah focusing on local stage managed by Caleb, manager of Five Watts Coffee, for Open Streets Nicollet.

Walking Tours in the summer -- June 19 for Little Libraries in neighborhood. Asking neighbors to host some of their Little Libraries. July - Garden Tour. August - MLK Park. September - Open Streets. Step one for Open Streets -- getting our city permit to close the street.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.