

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2013 7 PM-- MLK Park**

Present: Jess Alexander, Nate Blumenshine, Scott Bordon, Hetal Dalal, Henry Jimenez, Julie Mueller, Victoria Pena, Ben Rasmussen, Jim Kumon, Bryan Thornton, Scott Mueller

Absent: Arthur Knowles

Resigned: Marshall Onsrud

Opening/presentation introduction:

Scott Bordon, KFNA President

Presentation & Q&A: Carrot Initiative

Mike and Bryan power point presentation.

Concerns include: food, justice, background, better selections, and central neighborhood's lack of nearby healthy choices

Brief history of initiative and desire for increased livability. Past interest in developing grocery resource to serve the needs of four neighborhoods: Powderhorn, Bancroft, Bryant and Central. Kingfield strong potential partner and opportunity to bridge across the freeway.

see website: <http://carrotinitiative.com/>

- outline goals and mission
- recognized as a USDA designated “food desert”
- question re Cub Foods involvement, and out reach to that facility/company
- concern expressed re impact on convenience stores, smaller businesses
- inventory of basic choices for fresh selections ie pears, zucchini, more varieties of apples
- concern re morphology of Cub Foods and were ethnic markets included in survey of resources
- expressed concern re ability to buy everything desired at one location
- concern regarding the history of red vs. green coops and possibility of developing elitism in the facility
- interest in setting the goals higher than some of the other alternative resources in community
- concern regarding community perception belief that coops are too expensive

Bordon invites non board members to consider serving on board annual meeting in April.

Brief regrouping of people in the room

Jason brought pizza, hopes to open pizza shop in Kingfield neighborhood.

Call to order

request people sign up to rotate the privilege.

Sarah sending around sign up sheet:

Jim for February,

Henry for March,

Ben for April,

Bryan for annual meeting??
Scott for May

Community Forum

1. Tamara from MLK Legacy Council in gratitude for the KFNA donation of \$1000 for Park rebuild.
2. Erik Brown, realator, sponsor of Farmer's Market referring us all to NEHBA facebook page and updates.
3. Elizabeth Glidden energy presentation committee starts at 1:30, January 28th meeting and vote will occur before next board meeting. At City Hall regulatory committee and then forwarding recommendation to full city council. You can also submit comments via email green house gases produced by businesses.
4. Pizza was passed again, most specifically to Nate.

Board Business

Board Member Action Items:

Resignation of Board Member and Seating of Alternate

Marshall has resigned, due to time constraints and family responsibilities. Mary Wallace alternate, new resident in Kingfield, moved from Central.

Bordon makes motion to place Mary on Board, Nate second

Passed unanimously

Bordon requests community members to serve as alternate

Bylaw and Policy Review Plan

committee has not met, consequently nothing to report

Annual Meeting Planning/Board Member Recruitment

Victoria report on last year annual meeting / S. Mueller report he responded to Hetal's door-knock invitation to annual meeting.

Meeting will be 4th Monday in April

Newsletter must include bylaw changes and notification in newsletter

concern re post card invitation.

Victoria, Nate, Mary, Henry, willing to work on annual meeting.

Hetal is willing to provide house for March wine/ social . Concern expressed re an abundance of people available to serve on board or committees—most felt it was unlikely to happen.

Staff Reports & Recommendations:

Solarize Workshop Update

SLR: update 32 households participate i informational evenings
from 6 different neighborhoods

7 have followed up with letters of intent so far / 6 other properties are attempting to arrange financing/ plus a four-plex has expressed interest.

Wallace reports actual assessments have progressed slowly

King Park Community Garden Update

Martin Luther King Park garden progress: a “middle step plan” is taking formation.

Since the Park Board does not currently allow traditional community gardens and says they must be a “learning” or educational garden, the idea arose to create a garden mosaic utilizing the garden in a box program of the MN horticultural society. The concept would mimic the mosaic quilt project with 9 raised beds which reflect food/produce of 9 cultures from our community. This will be located on the north side of MLK building which has already been designated as a garden space in the Legacy Planning document. SLR request for guidance re progress Blaisdell Community Garden

History: KFNA approved purchase money for 7500, when city calculated fees the price jumped \$4000 or so due to maintenance fees accumulated since they took possession of the land.

We have been waiting since last summer to hear if neighbor could purchase lot for KFNA to use at this same, lower than market, pass-through price. KFNA identified this project three years ago and has received permission from the /city to be the purchaser. The issues with purchasing are a result of the illegal parking which currently occurs there—if KFNA owns the land this cannot occur for liability reasons, and according to City Zoning.

SLR would like a board member to take on this project if we would like to continue to pursue the purchase of this land. Bordon states his original support of the project and request board member to express interest. Mary expressed concerns.

Henry would like Erik Brown to assist with the purchase land as permanent green space. Victoria concern re neighbors, no owner occupancy of those rental units on either side Sarah has met neighbors, who expressed support of garden project. Both as renters and as property owners.

Hetal request survey of board members to assess interest and availability to take on this project, in spite of questions re process

Mary yes,

Victoria yes,

Jim yes,

Jess, yes interest, no time,

Scott M concerns re money

Scott B, yes and no,

Henry yes and yes,

Nate yes and no,

Bryan yes, no

Hetal, yes and no and time limit

Ben

Julie

Upcoming Events:

Following list is just for board information, no action necessary

Pending: January 19 Day of Service at MLK Park, TBD

Mosaic Quilting Project: last public workshop January 26, 1-3 PM MLK Park

Empty Bowls, Feb 7, 4-8 PM, MLK Park

Building Bridges Multicultural Book Club with Jonathan Odell, Feb 10, 2-4 PM, MLK Park

KFNA Newsletter Deadline, Feb 11

Dance Party for the Aliveness Project Feb 22, 9 PM-2 AM, Solomonan's Porch...Scott will be DJ please come!

Local Art show, March 23, evening

KFNA Annual Meeting, April 22

Consent Agenda

Executive Committee Reports

Secretary: Dec Minutes

mispelled name: Bordon

Treasurer: Direct Mail Update

SLR report on response to direct mailing most donations came online

Further Committees, Task Force and Project Reports, as needed:

Nothing to report as no one has met re:

MLK Legacy Council

Redevelopment Committee

Green Committee

Community Gardens

Solarize

Newsletter Committee

Youth and Schools Committee

Crime Prevention and Safety (CPaS) Committee

Event Committee

40th & Lyndale TF

Transportation Projects

BRT /46th Street

8:19 Bryan motion to adjourn, Nate second

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Mueller