

KFNA Board Meeting
May 8, 2013

Present: BOARD: Mark , Lisa, David, Dan, Jason, Jim, Jenny, Ben, Nate, Jess, Scott M, Henry, Hetal, Sarah, Cheryl, alternates Chris & Nancy. EXEC. DIR: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 pm by Scott

Henry Jiminez introduces the Blueprint for Equity program in association w/City of Mpls Community Relations Department. Henry introduces Lance Knuckles from City of Mpls.

Mr. Knuckles describes the Blueprint for Equity program and the benefit it will provide to neighborhood communities--to create discussion on the meaning of equity in the context of equity being "fair and just." Goal is to interface w/80% of neighborhood associations in city.

Mr. Knuckles asked for feedback from the Board on a number of different topics relating to equity. Some ideas about opportunities in how to bring equity to our neighborhood: Open Streets on Nicollet Ave, great schools, Board leadership, churches, ending school choice, Farmer's Mkt, new resident inclusion, homebound /elderly care, Nat'l Night Out, MLK Park.

Other feedback on issues people concerned about but don't talk about: race, money, other neighborhoods, schools, personal contribution to disparities, privilege.

Feedback on capacity that neighborhoods need to be succesfull in expanding inclusion: begin dialogue, build partnerships, outreach, money, tools/resources.

Mr. Knuckles acknowledged & thanked Board--he represents 15 neighborhoods but wants us to know to utilize them as a resource. They are engaging w/numerous communities in city & working within their cultural contexts. Point being, neighborhood associations are closer to community than City of Mpls gov't can be.

Mr. Knuckles will forward the info he gathers from the other neighborhood associations he visits & send us that feedback within two weeks. We can send him more thoughts at lance.knuckles@minneapolismn.gov if we have further thoughts.

7:40pm - Community Forum

Community member Josh Nieman asked for a few minutes. Running for Mpls Parks & Rec board. Has ideas on improving parks and making them more inclusive. Distributed flyers to the Board.

Jim Spensley, president of the South Metro Airport Action Council (www.quiettheskies.org) spoke regarding the issues of flight paths over the Kingfield neighborhood. They cause noise, economic problems, pollution, etc. Resources are available from his organization.

Henry noted that Jim attended the FairSkies meeting and “knows his stuff.”

Mpls Park Board - Jennifer Ringold & Breanne Rothstein from WSB & Associates (architecture consulting firm) present on the playground project at MLK Park. KFNA and neighbors pushed very hard for this redesign & as a result the replacement of this playground got moved up in priority. Design idea for the playground: an artist has been selected to be included in the design of the playground; the playground manufacturer will also be involved. Idea being that the playground will honor Rev. King in design-- about embracing diversity from all. Community meeting in mid-July, final concept in September, manufacture playground in Winter 2013, build & open in 2014. Tamara & Sarah from KFNA have been involved in selecting consultant and artist. Will prepare neighborhood survey for feedback.

Board requests that survey be ready for Judson Street Festival (May 18) & opening of Fmrs Mkt. Henry offered to translate survey to Spanish. Jennifer will send survey directly to him so he can do it quickly for free. Board requests that we send SurveyMonkey survey directly to Block leaders so they can email their blocks to get results.

8:15 pm - Scott introduces Board officer elections.

Hetal nominates herself for President; Jess 2nds. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carries.

Jim is nominated by Jess for Vice President, Henry nominates self. Both 2nded by Ben. After discussion, Henry withdraws his own nomination. All vote on Jim. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carries.

Ben nominated Mark for Treasurer, Jess 2nds. Mark describes his resume. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carries.

Lisa nominates self for Secretary, Jess 2nds. All in favor, no opposition. Motion carries.

Minutes to here provided by Mark Waller.

Henry discussed Mayoral Forum and asked for a \$200 donation. The board inquired with Sarah if \$200 was reasonable and she said yes. The board informally agreed they would give \$200 and discussed if they could give more. Hetal pitched the idea of donating \$200 and providing child care. It was approved that KFNA would donate \$200 and provide the child care.

Sarah asked the board to vote to accept a \$4,000 grant for a neighborhood garden. The goal is to have a garden for food, justice, and community in MLK park. The board approved to accept the grant and construct a garden.

Board Orientation:

Ran short of time to have formal orientation as planned.

- Conversation of what it means to be on board of KFNA
 - Meeting at other times, not just monthly Wednesdays
 - Not enough time available that is needed for these public discussions & meeting items
 - Proposed having occasional meetings without presenters
 - Not a well received idea
 - Proposed having a set time to go over orientation items
 - Round table discussion of different ideas & times for orientation
 - Idea was proposed and accepted for a Board Retreat for orientation
 - Sarah sent out doodle schedule to find best time for the board and alternates

Minutes to here provided by Chris Schleicher