

MINUTES
Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Sept 11, 2013 7 PM-- MLK Park

Present: Jess Alexander, Jason Montgomery, Hetal Dalal, David Fenley, Jim Kumon, Jenny Lock, Dan Swenson-Klatt, Mark Waller

Absent: Scott Mueller, Nate Blumenshine, Ben Rasmussen, Lisa Skzeczkoski-Bzdusek

Also Present: Nancy Weiss, alternate & Sarah Linnes-Robinson, staff

Call to Order: Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

Henry Jimenez addressed the Board and submitted his resignation from the KFNA Board of Directors. Due to a number of reasons he is unable to fulfill his obligation as a Board member and no longer lives in Kingfield. He wanted to let the Board know directly that he appreciated his time spent with KFNA, felt he learned and grew personally due to his role on the Board, and respects and appreciates the work that the Board and each member does.

Upon his departure a quick conversation ensued that the seat will be offered to the 1st alternate Chris Schleicher. If he turns down the seat it will be offered to 2nd alternate Nancy Weiss. Linnes-Robinson will extend the offer.

Hetal introduced the agenda for the evening focusing on targeted conversation related to the goals of KFNA and individual board members as stated in the spring 2013 Board Retreat notes. To kick-off the format of the evening she explained that a few board members who had “found their passion” in relationship to the community and the mission of KFNA would speak to how they are making that turn into a project and that project become a real thing in the neighborhood. Following these reports (from Jim Kumon who talked about the Redevelopment Committee, placemaking, and the idea of a Small Area Plan for the neighborhood and Hetal Dalal who spoke to the creation of a community bread oven) the group divided in half and discussed either FOOD or OUTREACH/INTERACTIONS.

Food Stuff Brainstorm List (those in bold are priorities):

- Free lunch program at park in summer
- **More garden parties—with project sweetie pie? Sabathani?**
- Corn feed
- **Encouraging boulevard gardens/alley gardens aka Victory’s Tine fields project**
- Cookbook, by the neighborhood, across neighborhoods, for the neighborhood
- **Guerilla gardening at underutilized locations like the 35W soundwall (raspberries, asparagus)**
- Carrot Initiative/new co-op
- Pizza truck to draw people to meeting (or at garden for “space”?)

Outreach/Interactions List (those in bold are priorities):

Purpose of Doing Outreach:

Continue publicity of KFNA activities

Increase presence of KFNA

Hear from those KFNA represents

Improve demographic representation and communication

Increase volunteer #'s

Increase neighbor to neighbor relationships—you tube advertisement

Connect to every single person

Track/document contacts and measure success

Figure out what the barriers are

Meets Neighborhood Priority Plan requirements

Engage young people

Activities:

Door to door

Activate block club leaders or other organization leaders like lyndale school

Election night

Tours—garden or urban planning

New media plan?

Survey

Yard signs

Election night (so important it got listed twice!)

Pop up theatre or movie or canvas gathering

Other events on a specific need or theme

Create ad hoc gatherings

Smaller and easier events to piggy back on other things

New methods and new events

Walking board parade—meetings out and about