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Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Feb. 13, 2013 7 PM-- MLK Park

Present: Jess Alexander, Nate Blumenshine, Scott Bordon, Hetal Dalal, Henry Jimenez, Julie Mueller, Ben Rasmussen, Arthur Knowles, Jim Kumon, Scott Mueller, Mary Wallace

Absent: Victoria Pena, Bryan Thornton,

Call to Order: Scott Bordon, KFNA President

Presentation & Q&A: Emerald Ash Borer, Ralph Sievert, Director of MPRB Forestry

- Ralph spoke about the current state of the Emerald Ash Borer in Minneapolis. The borers have been most recently found in Lakewood Cemetery.
- There are over 35,000 ash trees in boulevards in the city and 789 of those trees reside in Kingfield. Ralph provided information about how trees can be treated via injection or through a soil based method.
- Since the trees die slowly and branches can fall at any time, the Park board is proactively removing the trees and placing those locations on the list to be replaced. Most of the wood from the dead trees are being sold to Wood from the Hood or a local renewable energy provider.
- If residents need to report a tree to be replaced in their boulevard, they can do so via the park board website. The cutoff date for the following spring season is in November of the previous year.

Community Forum

Julene from NEHBA/Nicollett Ace Hardware asked for a letter of support from KFNA for NEHBA in applying for a Great Streets marketing grant for the business district support programs.

Henry reported on a few of the external committees he represents KFNA on:

- NCEC Commission: One Minneapolis, One Read Program Building Bridges program hosted recent event
- City Diversity Task Force – They are looking at trying to get more diversity represented on the city's committees and task forces.
- Nicollet-Central Corridor
 - Open Houses this week
 - Looking at modal alternatives including modern streetcar and enhanced bus
 - Starting to develop a budget based on stations and mode

Board Business

Board Member Action Items:

- Human Resource Policy Changes—Hetal Dalal
 - Hetal and Sarah explained there were minimal changes to the policy the largest of which was to remove clauses about a benefit reimbursement that was no longer being used. They would like to have the changes approved by the board prior to a project organizer position being posted. Did not have hard copies available. Motion by Hetal to pass minutes as with proposed changes. Motion passed 5-3-1 (two board members missing for vote).
- So Alive Event Overview and Board Member Jobs—Scott Mueller
 - The event is coming up on February 24th at Solomon’s Porch. Need volunteers to help staff the shifts, a sign up list was circulated. Scott requested everyone share the event on Facebook and there are posters available to post at businesses outside of Kingfield (Kingfield businesses already being approached). Three shifts, 2:00-5:00 PM, 8:00-10:15 PM and 10:15 PM -2:30 AM. Proceeds going to benefit the Aliveness Project to help them move into their new building at 38th and Nicollet.
- Judson Street Fest (Report Occurred at the end of the meeting) —Nate Blumenshine
 - Nate explained discussions that occurred at the planning meeting at the event which benefits the Judson pre-school. The church is seeking community assistance to run the event as it has gotten to be larger than they can sustain internally. The event would be May 18 from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM and KFNA could host a fundraiser of its choice. Various play equipment type of fundraisers were discussed. Scott B. asked Nate to put together a proposal to bring to the March board meeting that Scott would assist in developing.
- Blaisdell Community Garden –Henry Jimenez & Sarah Linnes-Robinson
 - Henry and Sarah reported that the City has confirmed they will not waive the \$4000 in servicing fees, but would agree to sell the site to the next door neighbor or KFNA for \$11,500. In either case, a conservation easement would need to be put in place on the property. They are going to look into both options and report back at the March Meeting.

Reports & Recommendations:

- Empty Bowls Report

2013 Numbers

Attendance Estimated at 450-500

Total Income: Estimated at close to \$7250

Expenses: Estimated at \$790

Money to Nicollet Square \$5700 + \$100 in stipends to youth

KFNA Staffing

- Pre-Event: last year 50 / this year 52 (including fall planning meeting)
- Day of: last year 11.5/ this year 13
- Post Event: last year 9 / this year 9 including wrap-up meeting and supply return to Powderhorn)

Volunteers:

- Planning Team in 2012 8 people/ 2013: 14 people
- Volunteers day of both years were 34+ in-kind staff from other org

Approx Volunteer Hours—

- Pre-event: 60/promo, flyering, meetings, pottery, shopping, outreach
 - Day of: 104
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- Homebased Business Winter Escape Event Report
 - Scott M. reported that the event was successful with over 50 people in attendance. The mixer activities were well received and there is a planning committee formed to plan a quarterly event. A LinkedIn group will also be launched.
 - Recommendation of cancellation of the March 23 Art Show due to lack of artist registrations
 - Sarah explained the status of planning on the annual Art Show. The organizing committee is recommending to not have the event due to low registration by artists. The board accepted the recommendation and suggested that the group look into how to re-engage the neighbors and the artist community to find a better event format for next year.
 - Earth Day at MLK – Park Board
 - The park board has contacted KFNA to see if wants to host Earth Day activities at MLK Park. Due to the proximity of the event to the Annual Meeting and lack of interest in taking on another event, board directed Sarah to look into other community partners who may be interested in helping.

Consent Agenda

Executive Committee Reports

- Secretary—Jan Minutes – Motion by Arthur to approve Minutes, seconded by Julie. Unanimous approval.
- Treasurer--NA

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

- MLK Legacy Council – Legacy Council is meeting tomorrow. Will be working over next month to hire a consultant to begin the planning work on the playground redevelopment.