



**Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting January 8, 2020
7-9pm MLK Park**

Members in Attendance: Lisa Skrzeczkoski-Bzdusek, Chris DesRoches, Chris Hong, BJ, Titus, David Robbins, Sarah Tschida, Alice Johnson, Elena Bretzman, Scott Mueller, Mike Skinner, Aidan Keefe

Members Absent: Lesa Hudak

Others in Attendance: Sarah Linnes-Robinson (staff), City Staff: Mike Samuelson (mike.samuelson@minneapolismn.gov) and Abdollahi regarding Whittier/Lyndale bikeway, plus about 15 neighbors/guests

Meeting Chair: Chris DesRoches

Meeting Secretary: Lisa Skrzeczkoski-Bzdusek

Confirmed Quorum: 11 members present

Call to Order of KFNA Board of Directors: 7:05 motion to pass agenda by David Robbins, second by BJ Titus (*motion passes unanimously*)

Committee Reports/Updates:

1. DIVERSITY (Sarah Tschida): put together draft on board statement/actions we can take as a board to make sure we are being inclusive. Inclusivity Statement read to all in attendance.
2. OUTREACH (BJ Titus): working on what the roles of board members are which will be rolled out at the annual meeting
3. EXECUTIVE MEETING (Chris DesRoches): organizing annual meeting in March. Board recruitment parties at Sarah Tschida's and Alice Johnson's houses. Will be doing door knocks/lit drops at places in the neighborhood that have been traditionally underrepresented on the board.
4. PORCHFEST (Elena Bretzman) date will be June 18 and trying to get local businesses to sponsor bands
5. BIKE/PED STREETS (Chris DesRoches) recently formed, first meeting about a month ago. Next meeting will be this Saturday at Judson Church. Capitol and long-range planning as to what will make for safer streets in neighborhood.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

1. WHITTIER/LYNDALE BIKEWAY (Mike Samuelson/Abdullahi Abduli from the City)
 - Project website is <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/whittier-lyndale-bikeway> can go to this website to sign up for updates. Survey will also be posted at a later date to provide input
 - Goals for tonight is to introduce project, share existing data and gather input

- (key locations, design preferences, neighborhood priorities).
- Plan is to build bikeway on either Blaisdell or 1st or a combo starting 2021
 - Goal is to create low-stress bikeway that meets the city's all ages and abilities standard. Proposed route is 3 mile stretch from 40th Street W. to Grant St. W
 - This is the first outreach meeting – process just starting. Summer 2020 present design to city council for approval and construction in 2021.
 - City is currently planning many street reconstructions so idea is to combine this with the street reconstruction.
 - One idea is to take all parts of street not under reconstruction would be to Curb protected bike lanes, other parts would be “behind the curb protected bike lanes. Other ideas include bollard protected bike lanes.
 - Counted 24 hour counts of all intersections with signals – most come at lake and at 26th. Intersections are where most collisions occur, especially where turning vehicles.
 - Collected data where intersections have more than 100 vehicles making a turn during a particular hour (several at franklin, lake, 26th). These will be intersections where they focus.
 - Collected data where driving above posted speed limit. Blaisdell and 1st are both 30mph, at intersection of 34th and at 35th biggest percentage of high speed traffic.
 - **What about these streets are working/not working today:** community input that bike on 1st and Blaisdell every day and one member says goes 2 miles out of their way bc feels unsafe. Concern that this has been so long in the making and nothing has changed. Since we have waited so long this needs to be top notch and appropriate for ages 8-80. Want to be able to ride next to kid and not worried that too close to traffic. Concerns that pavement is bad. Concern that north of 33rd street traffic is too fast and almost impossible to turn onto greenway. Traffic lights timed poorly for cyclist.
 - **What improvements would you like to see most:** winter riding, need to improve clearing of snow and ice. Bike lane needs to be next to curb or it's maintenance nightmare. Pavement needs to improve. On 1st ave, people ignore parking protocol. Constantly gravel at bridge over greenway. Widen the bike lanes so can ride side by side and room for passing.
 - **What intersections do you see as concern:** community input that 40th and Nicollet is an issue. Bike lane is right in pocket where cars are trying to turn. Seems to be design flaw. Pavement on 1st (city is repaving). Cars parking on Blaisdell especially in the winter is nightmare. What is the policy for delivery vehicles – they have been the problem in parking in bike lane (this is a large focus of the plan).
 - Dislike for Behind the Curb protected bike lanes expressed, for one reason cars don't seem to be aware of the bikers other reason is it's not clearly delineated for bikes and pedestrians get angry. Concerns with 2-way bike lane on one way streets – is that what we are looking at, this seems to cause safety issues for people not looking both ways when turning onto the road.

BOARD RECRUITMENT BRAINSTORMING:

- More engagement at events that people don't even realize are put on by KFNA
- Utilizing the table at the Farmer's Market
- Lit drops at bulletin boards – tagline “you like porchfest, come join KFNA”
- Having a connection with people already on the board, targeted their personnel interest
- Consciously combining our efforts with Get Out the Vote
- Utilizing Yard Signs – “board director lives here, mtg are Wednesday . . .”
- Each board member should show up with a handful of their block neighbors to support them. If everyone did that we would have 100 people and some of those people will be moved to join the board.