

Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting  
Oct. 10, 2012 7pm - MLK Park

Present: Scott Borden, Scott Mueller, Jess Alexander, Hetal Dalal, Julie Mueller, Arthur Knowles, Nate Blumenshine, Victoria Pena, Ben Rassmussen, Jim Kumon

Absent: Henry Jimenez, Marshall Onsrud, Bryan Thornton

Staff Present: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Guests: Amy Lavendar - CPAS, Heather Martens - Protect MN, Dustin Dennison - AEI, Erik Brown - real estate, Keith and Marina Austendorf - Bobby and Steve's Auto, Juleen Lind - ACE, Justin Terrel - TakeAction. Other neighbors: Emily, Mary Wallace, Jessie.

1. Presentations

Amy Lavendar - CPAS presented the crime report from July 1 - Sep 30. More burglaries across entire city this year including Kingfield. Amy noted we do well at keeping our doors locked, having block leaders and reading crime update emails. Special shout-out to Marshall Onsrud and the many other board and community members who have been involved in this effort. Amy is available to do free home security assessments and/or give security tips. Amy responded to questions about car thefts, specific incidents, gun shots and prostitution with no noteworthy information.

Heather Martens - Protect MN presented about the situation of gun laws in MN. Specifically she mentioned how the Bryn Mwr shooting culprit had been charged with criminal misconduct in the past but this had not disqualified him from getting a conceal and carry permit. The NRA is asking candidates to get rid of background checks for gun permits. More info at [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org)

2. Community Forum

Keith and Marina Austendorf presented Bobby & Steve's youth foundation \$25,000 fundraising effort to benefit the MLK playground. Arthur, Jolene, Sarah and others expressed gratitude.

Erik Brown expressed interest in helping coordinate businesses for events next year.

Justin Terrel spoke about TakeAction's Justice For All campaign aimed at removing barriers for getting folks with criminal backgrounds back into society.

3. Jim Kumon - New Board Member

Nate moved to accept Jim to fill vacant board member slot. Arthur second. Vote was unanimous approval.

4. Julie Mueller - New Secretary

Julie was unanimously approved as our new secretary.

5. Solarize Kingfield - Phase 2

Dustin Dennison from AEI (Applied Energy Innovations) presented the work AEI has done in partnership with CEGF (cooperative energy futures) to promote solar in Minneapolis. 22 farmers markets and many community board meetings. AEI is a 3yr old company with national recognition for hits hiring practices and promoting green jobs. Has done a lot of work to figure out ways to bring down the price point of a solar install through bulk buys, rebates and community programs.

Solarize Kingfield Phase 2 is a partnership between KFNA, AEI, MERES, and CEF to promote solar installations in Kingfield and throughout the city. MERES is the organization that would provide reduced cost onsite solar assessments for potential participants. KFNA will organize solar education workshops and provide funding for application permits. Allocated cost is \$10,000 with potential to recoup this investment. For more details see proposal.

Arthur motioned to approve and Julie seconded. Victoria and Ben abstained, all others voted in approval.

Jim and Nate volunteered to be board contacts for Sarah as she works on the project.

Mary Wallace expressed concern that there are no specifics in the program directing that the money be used for application permits of Kingfield residents only. Ben asked if there was a way to prioritize Kingfield residents. Nate, Sarah and Jim all expressed the challenge of getting enough participants for a successful bulk buy even when the whole city is included.

#### 6. Mosaic Quilting Project

Community workshop Sat. Oct. 27 with more coming in November. Quilting groups will be at churches, senior centers and elsewhere. The patterns will be chosen to reflect different cultural communities.

Hetal motioned to accept the contract for this project, Nate second, unanimous support.

Arthur motioned to accept artist contract, Jim seconded, unanimous support.

#### 7. Suggestions for Speakers:

- a. Erik suggested local district reps, farmers market organizers, and himself to present about the real estate market
- b. Juleen offered to put stuffers in all ACE customer bags before each weeks speaker, the NEHBA website would also promote
- c. Julie suggested to have someone from Safe Passages a child protection organization and a speaker from the Guardian Ad Litem program
- d. Mary suggested we contact Affinity Credit Union to explore loans for Solar and other community projects

#### 8. Election Day Nov. 6

Scott M. presented the idea of having a KFNA presence at the park on election day given that all Kingfield residents vote here. General approval from board to do this but no formal vote. We will set up booth visibly in NW corner of park, no political signs. Ben will contact Butter, Anodyne and Curran's about donating free hot chocolate. We have one tent and two tables. Sarah will ask park for permission. Victoria offered to do prep work. Scott M. will follow-up with email.

9. Consent Agenda

Unanimously approved.

10. 990 - Sarah

Sarah presented the 990 with the caveat of needing some more language to describe the purpose of our organization. Nate made motion to give authorization. Hetal made motion to approve 990 and add three refined descriptions to the mission part. Nate accepted the amendment. 9 yay votes with Victoria abstaining.

11. Stripes on Nicollet - Ben

Ben raised the concern of dangers on Nicollet Ave. without parking stripes after new repaving. Arthur voiced his opinion against striping. Scott B. suggested that this discussion should be had at the next redevelopment meeting. Ben and Arthur agreed. Board will be updated at our next meeting.

12. Nate motioned to adjourn instead of Arthur and the meeting ended.