

## Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Nov. 12, 2012 7pm - MLK Park

Present: Scott Borden, Jim Kumon, Marshall Onsrud, Nate Blumenshine, Scott Mueller, Jess Alexander, Arthur Knowles, Victoria Pena, Ben Rasmussen, Henry Jimenez

Absent: Bryan Thornton, Hetal Dalal, Julie Mueller,

Staff Present: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Guests: Elizabeth Glidden, Brad Bourn, Faith Kumon, Mary Wallace, Jesse Vanderbules

### 1. Presentations

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Member Elizabeth Glidden

- Political, election and government issues:
  - From the perspective of the city, the elections went very well for us. Many legislators that represent Minneapolis districts will be in leadership positions, including the Speaker of the House Paul Thiessen (HD 61B) and Deputy Senate Majority Leader Jeff Hayden (SD 62 – Kingfield!!). Also Senator Scott Dibble (SD 61) will be chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Finance Division committee and Representative Frank Hornstein (HD 61A) will chair the Transportation Finance committee.
  - On November 30<sup>th</sup> will be holding a Morning with Elizabeth with Rep. Thiessen.
  - Tax reform is a major issue that will affect the city in the upcoming legislative session. Currently Property taxes have been providing an unbalanced, larger share of revenue, and the balance with Income tax and Sales tax needs to be restored. Local Government Aid has been eroding. The Commissioner of Revenue will be unveiling the Governor's budget proposal sometime soon. Stay tuned.
  - Transportation investment will also be in important issue that affects us here in Minneapolis and Kingfield. Especially the ability to partner with the state on a streetcar.
- Airport Issue:
  - a new technology being proposed by the FAA, called RNAV (like GPS for planes) will see major changes in the flight paths and timing of flights into and out of the MSP airport. Will help the airlines save gas and time. It may mean more flights which is a concern in Minneapolis and Kingfield. We are asking the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) to take more time and do more analysis with the neighborhoods. There is a risk of more noise.
  - The best way to engage with this issue is to write letters to the Chair of the MAC – Dan Boivin. Glidden will provide contact information.
- Green/Environmental Sustainability Issue:

- Council Member Glidden is on the Think Green Committee, which is a partnership between Minneapolis and St. Paul that focuses on promoting green business practices. Currently this committee is working on a Building Energy Rating and Disclosure policy for the city of Minneapolis. This would require owners of building over a certain size (and publicly owned buildings of a certain size) to calculate and make public the energy efficiency of their buildings. If enacted upon it will be implemented over the next few years.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Minneapolis Parks Commissioner Member Brad Bourn

- Budget:
  - Discussed the current budget discussion and negotiations. In the past several years, the Minneapolis Park Board has trimmed back expenditures, and been able to deliver the same level of services with a smaller levy increase each year. Most houses in MPLS pay about \$20/month to support the Parks District.
  - Going forward, the budget is increasingly tight. There is looking to be a severe gap in funding for tree replacement. There needs to be a serious conversation about being able to maintain all 51 recreation centers at the current level. We need input on the budget.
- Dog park. The dog park will be built by this winter. There will be a soft opening, and then after the final surface material is installed, a final opening will happen.

## **2. Community Forum**

Matt Perry of the Nicollet-East Harriet Business Association (NEHBA) spoke about preparations for the 2013 road construction season. Businesses need to meet with the city. NEHBA is applying for another \$50,000 grant for façade improvements. Discussion about KFNA vs. NEHBA applying for this grant.

## **3. Board Business**

- Seating Alternate: Mary Wallace (1<sup>st</sup>) -- unanimous approval of all present.
- Seating Redevelopment Committee Members: Faith Kumon and Kate Michaud – unanimous approval of all present.
- Staff Reports & Recommendations:
  - Lease re-signed for office for 12 month period through 12/31/13 and Pleasant Garden Lease in process of being signed for 3-5 year period or through 12/31/15 or 12/31/17.
- Committee Items:
  - Redevelopment Committee brought a motion to the Board to request the city add shoulder stripes to Nicollet Ave. between 40<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion, we voted to approve with 8 Yeas (Scott Borden, Jim Kumon, Marshall Onsrud, Nate Blumenshine, Scott Mueller, Jess Alexander, Victoria Pena, Ben Rasmussen) and one Nay (Arthur Knowles)

- Verbal Reports of Projects Recently completed or in Progress:
  - Voting Day Activities Report: The voting day Board presence was great!! Next time (2014) we should staff two tables. Get more volunteers, get more donated treats. To do differently: put up signs announcing our presence. A big thank you to all the vendors that donated to this effort.
  - Mosaic Quilting Project Report: 3 workshops so far. 70 people total. Age range from 4-92. 4 more coming up. Next: Saturday 1-3 PM.
  - Solarize Workshop Report: 40 participants, over 20 households. 9 people signed up so far for onsite assessments.

#### **4. Consent Agenda**

Unanimously approved.

#### **5. Further Committees, Task Force and Project Reports, as needed:**

- Crime Prevention and Safety (CPaS) Committee – we held a bonfire.
- Event Committee – Planning a networking event for Kingfield people that work at home, or run home-based businesses. January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lowbrow.
- Transportation Projects – An issue of confusion about designating 46<sup>th</sup> street as a bikeway. Popper outreach was not done by the city dept. of Public Works. Jim Kumon is looking into it.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Unanimously approved.