Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Dec. 12, 2012 7pm - MLK Park

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

Absent: Jim Kumon, Bryan Thornton

Staff Present: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Attendees: Heidi Coe, Jason Montgomery, David Fenley, Matt Perry, Mike McAncrey, Jesse Vanderbalem

7:06 Call to Order
Scott B, KFNA President, request for volunteer to take minutes: Julie

Presentation & Q&A: Minneapolis Energy Options
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example of local use: Quality Coaches, Kingfield initiative
Handout includes list of endorsing groups and summary of campaign
(Excel franchise agreement) underestimate opportunities
Franchises: Centerpoint is gas provider/Excel provides electricity
Their contract(s) is negotiated every 20 years (2014 & 2015)
$450 million goes out of Minnesota via The two providers
3 options: status quo, negotiate options, create city owned utility
4 goals: clean, reliable, affordable, locally owned
misc examples of success of locally owned utilities/municipalizing
including Rochester and Moorhead
goal: provide city with options to take into contract negotiations
put measure on ballot to address these issues
sample language for ballot pending
hire of campaign director pending
city council and mayor endorsement is progress
unclear who actually makes final decision 
municipality purchases standing infrastructure 
difficulty of envisioning how purchase by city actually works 
purchase time line and process 
request to wrap up at 7:26 
sign up sheet for anyone wanting to support issue on ballot 
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Dean Amundson, resident, concern re airport noise and committee to deal with issues
Jason Montgomery, currently living at 1st Ave South: concern re dog park issue, wanting to meet neighbors
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7:40 Board Business
Board Member Action Items:
Nominations of Board Members to serve on Bylaws Task Force
Sarah LR, Hetal, Jim Kumon, Arthur Knowles
Nominations of Board Members to serve on Financial Policy Review Task Force
develop a statement how we handle reserve funds and under what conditions
Sarah LR, Hetal, Jess Alexander, David Fenley, accountant
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Committee Items:
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General discussion: Arthur re flight noise issue, see
redevelopment committee minutes, concern re attempts to protest flight changes, information re other neighborhoods efforts to voice concerns, goals of task force: unify voicing of concerns
Ben moves to accept recommendation to establish task force as recommended, Arthur second. Intent to combine efforts of various neighborhood task force(s).
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8:05 Solarize Workshop
SLR report on success of meeting and requests for information
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Hetal talked about hiring interview committee, Victoria, Henry would like to participate in the interview process
Executive Committee Reports
Secretary—Nov. Minutes taken by Jess Alexander correct “Bordon” spelling
Treasurer:
Q2 Financial Report
Hetal motion to approve, Jess second
(Signing of the Direct Mail letter in process during meeting)
Newsletter Committee
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Nate suggests educating residents re process of energy contract renewal

Event Committee
Scott Mueller: update re Lowbrow meeting for home-based business meeting, facebook page, reservations. Volunteers to encourage focused participation re markers and easel/boards: Jess, Victoria, Julie will also be available if needed
SLR: report on Aliveness Project move to Kingfield and McKnight grant raising $200,000 by February, matching grant deadline serves, serves 1/4 people in Minnesota living with AIDS
Henry suggests newsletter article on Aliveness Project mission, goals and move
Henry requests attendance/participation at tonight's YOUTHLINK fundraiser at Stella's to raise money for projects to end Youth homelessness

MLK Legacy Council: in Board packet
Redevelopment Committee: in Board packet

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Ben second, pass without opposition

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