

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Feb. 8, 2012 7 PM-- MLK Park**

Present: Marshall Onsrud, Randy Niemiec, Arthur Knowles, Scott Borden, Chris Sur, Rachel Bond, Victoria Pena, Tamara Eirten, Bryan Thornton, John Barber, Mark

Absent: Chris Sur, JobyLynn Sassily-James, Brook Lemm-Tabor

Staff: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Guests: Matthew Perry, Representative of Nicollet East Harriet Business Association; Julie Mueller.

The meeting was called to order by Scott.

I. Community forum

1. Matt Perry reported that annual elections were held and three new board members were elected: Kim Bartman (from Pat's Tap); Jessica Rupke (from House Salon), and Julie (last name uncertain) (from Ace Hardware). The winter refresh with new posters / brochures would be coming out next week, and will be eye-catching. He also reported on the ongoing KFNA business concerns from road construction.

II. Reports

1. Secretary: Scott moved to accept minutes, Tamara seconds. Mark and Arthur abstain, all others in favor. Motion passes.

2. Treasurer: Sarah gave the report. City reimbursements came through, we have 102K in bank at year end. This statement reflects 7 months into fiscal year. Close to budget YTD. We'll be getting proposal together for next fiscal year's budget at next meeting; she reminded the board that this board approves the next budget.

3. Scott encouraged committees to come up with goals and budgets for the upcoming year, to help Exec. Comm. plan overall budget.

III. New Business

1. Blaisdell Community Garden Land Bank:

a. Scott thanks Chris and Sarah for their work on the issue. Arthur thought that with the explanation and ideas from Chris' emails, redevelopment would not have to consider the issue before the board. no objections to taking it right to Board. Arthur refers the Board to Chris' email.

b. Randy asked about recurring cost and liabilities. Sarah reported that the current insurance will cover the property. The city will put the lot under a conservation easement when they sell the lot, KFNA would close with the City of Lakes Land Trust, so it's a non-taxed

property. There would be set up costs of probably about 2K, but the current site is generating more income than cost and we want to spread gardens throughout neighborhood.

c. Victoria asked how the tenants feel about the gardens, given that they're losing their parking. Sarah reported that we've had meetings to engage the neighbors. Neighbors want parking maintained on that site, which is why KFNA has tried to maintain that. But it's not possible; whoever owns the land, the neighbors are still parking illegally. Whoever owns lot is liable. Property owners are looking at it, but looks like the parking will be lost.

d. John asked about environment studies. Sarah reported that there has never any properties on it. We'll do soil sample before we buy it, but the City has deemed lot undevelopable. There was more discussion about parking options for tenants. Marshall recommends a committee look to those details.

Rachel moved to approve the statement of intent as drafted by Chris. That statement read: KFNA issues this statement of intent to purchase the lot at 3916 Blaisdell from the City of Minneapolis for use as a community garden. This statement is subject to a review of the price of the lot, the satisfactory resolution of any property disputes with the owners of the neighboring properties, and the completion of other due diligence on the lot by KFNA.

e. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. Youth & Schools mission statement.

a. There was considerable discussion about the Y&S proposed mission statement, and the related issue of the email policy. That revised mission statement for the Y&S committee, as proposed by the committee, is: The mission of the Youth and Schools Committee is to support youth, King Park, the community school pathway, and build relationships to organizations that serve Kingfield youth.

b. Rachel spoke against the revised mission statement. She opposed a categorical ban on partnering with, or communicating about, other public schools within Kingfield's attendance zone, and recommended that the line be drawn at public schools within the attendance zone, with a priority for Lyndale as the neighborhood school. She noted that excluding schools other than the community pathway schools would send a negative message to Kingfield parents who choose public schools in the zone other than the community schools.

c. Marshall recommended that the board not micromanage the committee's work. Bryan noted that we support the committee structure but need to be careful about delegating to a committee that may only represent one point of view. Bryan also spoke in favor of a policy that prioritizes Lyndale but does not exclude non-community pathway schools.

d. Scott read from a prepared statement. He spoke in favor of the revised mission statement and email policy and the importance of promoting the community pathway schools, and noted the administrative difficulties of having so many public schools in the attendance zone that the Y&S committee has to communicate about. He also reported that some Kingfield residents feel that because we now have a community school, KFNA should not be promoting public schools in our attendance zone other than the community pathway schools.

e. Scott moved to accept proposed revised missions statement for the Y&S committee. Marshall seconded. In favor: Scott, Victoria, Randy, Tamera, Marshall, Mark. Opposed: Arthur, Bryan, Rachel. John abstains. Motion passed.

3. Annual meeting:

- a. Feb. 16 is the hard deadline for putting information about the annual meeting in the newsletter. The meeting is April 16. We don't anticipate any bylaw changes this year.
- b. Sarah reported that since end of matching loans 10 years ago, attendance has dropped. We've tried various ways of bringing more people in, but attendance hasn't changed.
- c. There was general discussion about how to generate interest and increase attendance at the annual meeting: giving out community volunteer awards, having committees come and report of their activities, getting feedback from neighbors, food, music, cash prizes. In the interest of time, it was decided that Sarah, Victoria, Randy, Bryan, and Rachel will further discuss over email.

IV. Old Business: no old business

V. Committees

- a. Redevelopment: the city contact person has changed and the new person has confirmed that Mulroys should make their application before KFNA weighs in.
- b. Green. This newsletter will have the application deadline for community garden plots.
- c. Graffiti: Victoria will write an article for the newsletter to drum up enthusiasm. We didn't get grant for additional money and will be going ahead with the first part of the original plan; hopefully additional funding comes through for other side.
- d. Newsletter: Feb. 16 is newsletter deadline. No art show info in this one, so will probably have space for something else.
- e. Y&S: Y&S was going to have a sledding event, but that's now up in the air. There was an open house at Ramsey for new middle school, with high attendance and excitement. The fine arts school will move to Fowell; that move will impact kids in Kingfield Neighborhood.
- f. CPAS: working on block lists. We'll have outdoor block meetings this summer, probably at least 4, and try to focus less on crime, and more on safety.
- g. Events: Empty bowls is tomorrow.
- h. No action on last 3 committees.

Arthur moved to adjourn the meeting. Multiple people seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Bond