

Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

April 11, 2012 King Park

7:07 Meeting called to order by the President

Those present: John, Rachel, Brian, Scott, Tamera, Joby-Lynn, Victoria, Randy and Arthur

7:08 The official seating of alternate Julie Mueller, to replace the retired Chris Sur and to fill out the remaining year of his term on the Board.

7:10 Community Forum - Matt Perry representing the business association NEHBA addressed the Board to update the status of the various business facade improvement grants which NEHBA has received. Three grants of \$50,000.00 have been received and distributed (minus \$4000.00 in administrative expenses). Kingfield contains 25% of the eligible businesses, and has so far received 38% of the available funding. Also, and additional grant of \$50,000.00 will be coming in May. Matt also reminded the Board of the Nicollet repaving open houses scheduled for April 18 at 9:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

7:23 Marshall arrives and takes his seat.

7:25 Last month's minutes were reviewed. Scott moved that they be accepted, Arthur seconded. Rachel and Victoria abstained while all others voted "aye".

7:28 The Treasurer's report was accepted.

7:30 Committee and Projects Workplans and Budgets - There was much talk of the minutiae about communications between the committees and the Board, to no great point. Arthur, representing Redevelopment, argued that his committee had no need of a separate budget, as their projects were largely constrained by the NRP plan, which plan and which funding allocations had been approved by the Neighborhood at various general meetings. Brian, representing both the CPAS and the Youth and Schools committees, said that they had both made good progress toward identifying their busy times, tangible projects and necessary funds. Sarah, talking for the Community Gardens groups laid out a budget of \$1235.00 for this year, with the intent to become self-sufficient as soon as possible, with any excess funds to be made available for new garden sites.

7:50 Betty Tisel, a neighbor, arrived to address the Board (officially as part of the Community Forum). She had contacted the Board President earlier, and indicated that she would be late. She is organizing a "Kingfield Votes No" movement with regard to the two constitutional amendments which will appear on the fall ballot. The Board received her favorably, but was unwilling to take an official position.

8:00 Back to Committees - Scott, as President, reaffirmed the decision of last month to put off approving a budget for the next year, and to allow the new Board to make that decision.

8:10 Annual Meeting planning - Randy, Victoria, Brian and Rachel formed this ad hoc task force, with Victoria and Randy hacking out some details during an additional meeting. We thank them all for their work. As this writer was unable to attend the Annual Meeting, I can only trust that it all went off without a hitch. I do wonder about the undefined filler between the election of new Board members and the announcement of the winners. Did we settle on the paper airplane contest, or the Board break-dancing?

8:30 Updates -

Soundwall Mural: the Neighborhood has now received the MDOT okay for hanging the mural from the sound wall.

Blaisdell Community Garden Land Bank: The city will sell us the land for \$11,000.00, but there is an additional \$3500.00 management fee. Staff is looking into this in more detail.

8:40 Committees, Task Force and Project Reports - There were no further developments to report at this

time.

Submitted by Arthur Knowles, member of the Board, 5/2/12