

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
June 13, 2012 7 PM-- MLK Park**

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

Absent: Marshall Onsrud,

Staff: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Guests: Matthew Perry, Representative of Nicollet East Harriet Business Association; Elizabeth Glidden, City Council Representative.

Scott Borden called the meeting to order, and opened the community forum.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Elizabeth Glidden:

1. Described the city as having an “oomph” to reopen Nicollet Ave at Lake Street. KFNA and MEBA will be asked to send representatives to community planning meetings. She noted that the city does not currently plan a very robust community involvement aspect to this effort.
2. The NFL football player, Larry Fitzgerald, is donating an upgrade to the basketball court at MLK Park, and several other parks (Phelps and Powderhorn). He grew up playing at King Park, and is excited to give something back. The goal is to implement the upgrade in July, and invite people for a big opening event with Mr. Fitzgerald.
3. Noted that on, speaking on behalf of her wishes simply as resident of the neighborhood, she hopes the board will approve taking a “No” position against the two ballot amendment initiatives.

Matt Perry:

1. NEHBA will have summer brochures, stickers and posters. At least 200 small business members of the association will post the brochures with the goal of creating a “sense of belonging.”
2. Offered congratulations on the success of the Open Streets event on Lyndale Ave, the Solar celebration (which will prompt a discussion of solar power at NEHBA's general meeting).
3. As part of the reconstruction of the Nicollet road, he's working with the city and the gas company to get them to coordinate the gas work with street repair, to reduce the disruption to the businesses.
4. Two business experienced crimes recently, one shoplifting, the other a “smash and grab” theft. They are working with the police to speed to police response time.

BOARD OFFICER REPORTS

1. Secretary. We don't currently have minutes from the June meeting, as no one was taking minutes. Sarah LR will attempt to reconstruct them from her notes.
2. Treasurer's Report: JobyLynn deferred to staffer Sarah LR. Sarah directed the Board's attention to the financial statement in the Board packet. She noted that we came in under expenses because of in-kind contributions received.

BOARD BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resignation of the alternate. The person elected to the alternate spot at the annual meeting in April has resigned. She attended the May meeting, and left with the impression that she would

not have much to contribute.

2. Meeting Operating Procedures. Based on the uncertainty created in a vote held at the April meeting, the Board again discussed whether our meetings followed Robert's Rules of Order, whether we can come up with a better meeting operations procedure, and whether we can provide a short guide on what those procedures are.
 - Action item: The Executive Committee PLUS Henry Jimenez will look at this issue.
3. Conflicts of Interest. Sarah LR passed out written copies of KFNA's conflict of interest policy, explained that this disclosure required by all board members related to financial interests. Each board member read the statement, and then we all stated our anticipated financial interests.
4. Vacancy on the NCEC (Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission). Two members of the KFNA board (Henry and Bryan) applied to serve as representatives of our district, District 6. KFNA's role is to send someone as an Elector for NCEC's elections on June 28, but not to pick who KFNA wants to send to the NCEC. After some discussion, two board members, JobyLynn and Nate, volunteered to attend the meeting as an Elector representing KFNA. Each spoke briefly to their qualifications, and then the board called a vote. 5 votes for Nate, 2 for JobyLynn, with 2 abstentions (the two candidates, Henry and Bryan), and one absence (Marshall).
5. Proposal to create an NCEC Task Force (essentially a subcommittee of the Board). Sarah L-R described the need for KFNA to submit a funding proposal, and proposed creating a working group or task force to work with her on crafting KFNA's proposal. Discussion included: Henry noting that some people on the Task Force are appointed by the mayor. If KFNA had additional interested people besides the person who will be elected on June 28, then we should communicate with the Mayor's Office to see if that person could get seated on one of those slots. Bryan clarified that the Mayor appointed 2 people, and the city council appointed 5. Arthur Knowles called for a vote on the proposal to create a task force which would automatically include all KFNA officers, and other members of the Board with interest, as well as members of the community at large. Motion passed.
6. Board Member Jess Alexander and Kingfield resident Betty Tisel asked the Board to approve a resolution urging residents to Vote No on two ballot initiatives, the marriage equality amendment and the Voter ID amendment. Discussion addressed two primary areas of concern: whether as a charity KFNA can take a position; whether doing so will create division and cause polarization in the neighborhood. Board discussion also addressed other situations in which the organization had been asked to take a controversial position, including school issues and the building of Nicollet Square Apartments. Board members also discussed their views on whether they had been elected to represent the communities view on issues, or to make our own decisions as leaders on behalf of the community. After some general discussion, each board member stated his or her view on a revised version of the proposed resolution, to join the two Vote No campaigns, and establish a subcommittee to discuss how and what to communicate about these issues to the neighborhood. Vote called, and the motion passed, 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absention, 1 absent.
7. Sarah Gleason, part-time temporary staff position. Sarah introduced herself to new board members, and discussed her work. She will work primarily with the CPAS committee, efforts to expand the community garden plots, and work on outreach in "tag team" with Sarah L-R during the busy summer months. Vote was called on the workplans as presented, and was approved.
8. Hetal reported on the success of the fundraiser held by the MLK Legacy Council, to raise money for the new playground.
9. Committee Reports:
 1. Redevelopment. \$10,000 per project in funds are available for a business which comes up with an idea.
 2. Garden Update. No progress on acquiring the Blaisdell Ave plot based on confusing action by the city. Sarah L-R will continue trying to communicate with the city and the neighboring

landowner.

3. Youth and Schools. Taken the summer months off, but is looking forward to getting active.
4. Crime and Safety: Graffiti removal kits are available, and “travelling block parties” are scheduled for the summer.
5. Additional items: 3 inactive committees will be taken of the list; a running Club has started; The Park Board Sponsored Kingfield festival will be January 19, and National Night Out is on August 7.