

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
September 12, 2012 7 PM-- MLK Park**

Present: Arthur Knowles, Scott Bordon, Bryan Thornton, Scott Mueller, Julie Mueller, Hetal Dalal, Henry Jimenez, Jess Alexander, Nate Blumenshine, Marshall Onsrud.

Absent: Ben Rasmussen, Victoria Pena.

(One position vacant).

Staff: Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Guests: Guest Speaker, Anna Flintoff, Nicollet-Central Transit Alternative; Matthew Perry, Representative of Nicollet East Harriet Business Association; Dan Swenson, owner of Butter Bakery, Juleen Lind, owner of Ace Hardware, 6 others.

1. **Presentation** by Anna Flintoff on the Nicollet Ave Streetcar Study, followed by a Q&A. Anna mentioned that there will be Open Houses on this matter coming up. Board Member Henry Jimenez stressed his interest in hearing concerns from neighbors, and his desire to represent those interests to the city and the planning process, even if he doesn't personally share those concerns.
2. Community Forum. Board President Scott Bordon opened the community forum, welcoming those in attendance and asking them to introduce themselves.
 1. Matt Perry from the business association (NHEBA) gave us this information: there is a meeting about road repairs coming up, a new fall poster for the organization, a membership drive will start soon, hoping to expand to 220 members; NHEBA will also expand its boundaries.
 2. Juleen Lind, owner of Nicollet Ave Hardware. Announced that the upcoming 38th and Nicollet Event will now be called Experience 38, and showed a new flyer. Funds raised will go to the new playground at MLK Park.
 3. Board Member Nate Blumenshine read an email message from two neighbors, suggesting KFNA do a mural on the old business sign of the unused property at 40th and Lyndale.
3. Committee Items:
 - A. Seat New redevelopment committee member, Jim Kumon. Approved.
 - B. Motion to seat Board Member Ben Rasmussen as the KFNA Rep on the ReOpen Nicollet Working Group. Arthur made the motion, seconded by Marshall. Unanimous approval.
 - C. Board Member Arthur Knowles described the new program to advance local business green initiatives, called BEGIB, created by the Redevelopment Committee to bolster new environmental initiatives in local businesses. The detailed written guidelines for the project were provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Under this project, the Redevelopment Committee itself would review and approve applications, allocating up to \$37,500 of Phase II NRP money. Board members debated whether the full Board should approve the applications instead. Discussion as well regarding how possible conflicts of interests would be addressed. Arthur moved that the Board accept the BEGIP guidelines as proposed. Hetal seconded. Vote: Yes (8); Abstentions: Julie, Marshall (2); Absent: Ben, Victoria (2).

D. Butter Bakery's application for BEGIP funds. Dan Swenson, owner, presented on the importance of the availability of these funds in giving incentive for making environmentally conscience construction decisions. The full board acknowledged that since we approved the Redevelopment Committee's proposal that the committee make the decisions on the BEGIP program, the full board did not need to vote on Butter Bakery's application.

E. Memorandum of Understanding with the Park Board for installation of the Mosaic Quilting Project on the park building. Hetal explained the highlights of the contract, which Board members had received in writing earlier, and discussed the points of negotiation: whether the term of the contract was 10 or 20 years, whether KFNA should fully indemnify the Park Board, and who decides whether repairs are needed, the Park or KFNA. After some discussion, Hetal made a motion to authorize Sarah Linnes Robinson to sign the contract, Henry seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Staff Reports and Recommendations.

1. Sarah LR recommended that KFNA publish a December newsletter. Cost will be \$1,400, and a number of seasonal developments make this additional publication timely. Discussion included how the newsletter is more inclusive than the weekly email messages. Motion to approve Sarah's request made by Marshall, seconded by Bryan, unanimous approval.
2. Discussion of community responses to KFNA's endorsement of a No Vote on both ballot initiatives. Three neighbors have made their opposition to KFNA's position known. Members of the board invited them to continue talking with us to further the conversation.

5. Board Member Action Items.

1. Autumn Door-Knocking Outreach. Hetal explained an idea some board members have been discussing, to knock on doors in the neighborhood. Henry suggested focusing on outreach to identify block captains for blocks which don't have them. Board members interested in doing this agreed to talk after the meeting to come up with a plan. (Nate, Jess, Scott M. Scott B., Henry, and Hetal).
 2. Voting Day Outreach. Scott M. proposed that KFNA table at MLK on election day, since all of Kingfield votes here. Purpose would simply be outreach for KFNA, nothing election related. Action: Bryan and Scott M will work with the park staff to figure out if this is possible.
6. a) Proposal for Consent Agenda. Scott B explained the proposal developed by the Executive Committee. With the goal of getting the community more engaged in KFNA meetings and our work, we wanted to change the meeting format to make it more lively. We'll try starting with a guess speaker. To make time, items which don't require discussion or are likely to be non-controversial will be submitted in writing to the Board in advance on a document called the Consent Agenda. This meeting format is used by the Mpls School Board. That document as a whole will be voted on by the Board, with any member authorized to pull an item off the Consent Agenda and ask for it to be discussed at the meeting. Bryan moved to begin using a Consent Agenda format, Nate seconded. Unanimous approval.
- b) Need for a treasurer. JobyLynn's resignation leaves the treasurer seat open. Sarah LR explained the duties, and the importance to KFNA's accounting procedures to have a treasurer. After some discussion, Nate nominated Hetal Dalal, the current secretary and Scott B seconded. Unanimously approved. Discussion of the need for a secretary, but no action.
7. Pass the Hat. Community members and board members are asked to share their ideas about speakers at the monthly meeting with Sarah LR.
 8. Staff Report on the Budget. Discussion of the financial reports received in the Board packet.

Sarah noted that while KFNA has a bank balance of \$158,000, some of that money is already obligated. Financial documents included a new pie chart format of what staff time is spent on. Proposal by Sarah LR to move money into a Reserve Fund Account. General discussion. Henry recommended that we establish clear rules about when these funds can be used. Motion to establish a reserve fund made by Julie, seconded by Arthur. Unanimously approved. The Executive Committee will make a proposal for when these funds can be used.

9. Executive Committee. Reported on their recent meeting and on-going discussion on how to have meetings which serve the community but still get business done. We're discussion different formats, and may even propose changing meeting times.

10. Announcements and final discussion: Sarah LR noted the Eating for Art day and Celebrate 38. Marshall gave a report on recent CPAS events, which were not well-attended.

THE BOARD MADE A FEW DECISIONS BY ELECTRONIC VOTE AFTER THIS MEETING:

1. Julie Mueller approved as new secretary.

Votes AYE:

Victoria
Hetal
Ben
Scott M
Henry
Nate
Marshall
Julie

2. KFNA will support MLK Park's application to Hennepin County for new recreational equipment.

Votes AYE:

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