



**Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting 11/13/19
7-9pm MLK Park**

MINUTES by Lesa Hudak

Present:

Chris	DesRoches
Sarah	Tschida

Lesa	Hudak
Scott	Mueller
Michael	Skinner
Elena	Bretzman
David	Robbins
Aidan	Keefe
Alice	Johnson
BJ	Titus

Also: Amy Arcand, MnDOT Consultant; Jeff Narabloom, MPLS Elections; Alberder Gillespie, MPLS Census 2020 Coordinator; and Sarah Linnes-Robinson KFNA Executive Director

Absent: Lisa Skzeckoski-Bzdusek

7:15 **Call to Order**

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Dan made a motion to approve, Alice seconded, all approved.

Attendance was all board members, except Lisa.

Voting on new Directors of the KFNA Board

Dan made a motion to vote Aiden onto the board, Mike seconded, all approved.

Adien joined the board.

7:00 **Community Forum**, Amy Arcand, Consultant for Community Engagement regarding MnDOT's with 35W Reconstruction Project

Community Forum started at 7:05 with Amy Arcand presenting. Summary documents of the project were passed out. 4 year project, from 2018-2021.

- Going north cannot get off at 31st and Lake, scheduled to reopen at 5 am Friday.
- No more major traffic switches until next summer.
- Big things in the Spring:
 - Reconstructing Lake Street from Blaisdell to 5th Street
 - Periodic closures to 46th street (going south).
 - 46th street north will have periodic closures.
 - Will look into specific bus routes for us (146, 135)
 - Website has a blog that keeps people updated on what is happening.
 - www.mndot.gov/35w94
 - Questions can be directed to info@35w94.com
- Bridge Opening Celebration for 40th street will be in the Spring
- Looking for input from us on how to engage with the community
 - Send Amy your thoughts.
 - Sarah LR - is the commissioner coming out to talk about this?
 - Amy - what type of event will make sense?

7:30 **2020 Census**, Jeff Narabloom, MPLS Election Services and Alberder Gillespie, Census 2020 Coordinator

7:25 Jeff started and Alberder. Doing a tour of the neighborhoods to talk about the next year.

March 3 is the next election - Presidential Primary.

- Caucuses will happen a week before the election.
- Republican, Democratic, Grass Roots Cannabis, and Legalize Marijuana Now - 4 major parties and you have to pick their ballot for this election.
- Early voting starts January 13.
- Election Offices have moved and are centralized at E. Hennepin and 35W (980 East Hennepin or Government Center for early election)

August 11th Primary

General Election November 3rd

Kingfield would like to hold their board elections to coincide with March 3. If it works, great. If not, we will figure it out. Unsure if we can have a meeting that day or not.

?Will there be communications that the Census will be on-line this year?

Answer - yes there will be information handed out.

Census post cards come out March 12 telling people to complete their census on-line. 95,942 is the anticipated undercount due to this being on-line, this puts us at risk of losing a Congressional Seat (we almost lost one in the last Census by just over 8000 people).

- Lots of government spending is determined by the Census.
- Power and representation based on the census.
- Redistricting is determined by the census.
- \$2800/person is about what we are allocated per person based on the census. This is what will be allocated for 10 years.
- Persons at risk of not being counted:
 - Renters
 - People of color
 - Immigrants/refugees
 - Homeless
 - Children
 - LGBTQ
 - College students
 - People on fixed or little income

What can we do?!

- Increase awareness - what it means
 - Affordable housing can be down
 - SNAP, Medicaid
 - Schools overcrowded
 - \$15B/year comes from this
- Create spaces that are safe for people to complete the census
- Recruitment - there are census jobs open
 - Need 8000 people - want people from the community to take these jobs
 - Hennepin County offers \$20/hour
 - State is offering \$750 grants to do grassroots things like get signs.

Talk about Get Out the Count!

We got free publicity when there was the potential for a citizenship question.

Census information cannot be shared, must be kept confidential, by law (as of today)

Currently plans to run through the end of July.

3 ways to complete:

- On-line
- On the phone

- Eventually a survey

Census communication will come in English for sure, possibly Spanish.

12 languages on the phone and on-line. Nothing comes in Somoli or Hmong.

Questions can be published as they are now available on-line.

Confidentiality of census workers is saved from being subpoenaed.

Preference is two people in the household filling it out as the house is the unique identifier - they will correct it.

7:55 **2020 Events Discussion and Board member commitments**

Started at 8:05 -

- Open Streets - Conversation on Monday to transition the planning/functional work to this group and take it off the plate of the neighborhood.
- Annual Meeting - tie in to Presidential Primary
If so, bylaw changes and announcement of the meeting will HAVE to go in to the next mailing
- Lesa volunteered to take on the garage sale. It will be scaled back. There will be a suggested donation ask. A map will be created.
- Elena will help with Porchfest / Can we tie in a Count Your Voice (towards the census)
- Need to start thinking about the Bridge Ceremony
- Follow up events at Harriet's after all election events - they give us 15%

8:25 pm Executive Committee Report (Chris)

- Staffing - only one staff person, we need to support her going forward
 - Considering options on what this will look like / job sharing, part-time
 - Ideally need to make a determination by the 1st of the year
- Long Term event planning (discussed above)
- Grand Ave vs. Bryant Letter (passing over this now)

8:30 Committee + Event Updates

- Bike, Ped and Streets (Chris and Sarah T)
 - Outreach and Next Steps
Email will be sent out to those that are interested
 - 41st and Blaisdell
There is a structure now to stop people from going the wrong way.

- o 1st Street Mill + Overlay
 - From Lake to 40th, this is the bike path
 - Need to update the no parking signs - city is willing to listen if there is a strong contingency that wants changes made to the parking in the bike lane
- o Grand Avenue Reconstruction - updates are in the google drive

Next open house on this is November 19th 2:30 - 4:30, presentation at 3:00 pm at MLK Park.

- Community Engagement (Sarah T + BJ)
 - o Board Member Engagement - doing board one-on-ones
What do you like about being on the board? What are some things you want to see on the board? What skills, knowledge, passions can you apply to the Kingfield Board?
 - o New Board Members - in need of more members, looking for ways to onboard members better, still 2 open positions
 - o Neighborhoods 2020 + other neighborhood outreach - need to have representation at them. The meetings will build on each other. Sarah LR can do all of them. First one is next Thursday.

Sarah and Alice have volunteered to host house parties to recruit potential board members.

Committee will look at the draft engagement to word smith it.

Chris has been at the East Harriet neighborhood meeting to start the collaboration process.

- Redevelopment (*No verbal report, minutes provided*)
- Empty Bowls (Lisa) Lisa not here, so update
- GOTV/Elections (Scott)

8:50 Office Space - proposal in packet: close in the Center For Performing Arts, share space with Lyndale. Not merging of neighborhoods, information will be kept separate. Build this in to a community hub. On 35th/Nicollet. Also add garage space at Aliveness Project.

Lesia motioned, BJ seconded, all approved.

8:55 Newsletter - we will be doing our own newsletter in January.

8:58 pm meeting adjourned

Direct Mail Letter did not get to.