



Kingfield Neighborhood Association

KFNA Annual Meeting June 9th, 2021 7:00pm

Members in attendance: *Chris DesRoches, Sarah Tschida, Alice Johnson, BJ Titus, David Robbins, David Searl, Lorial Roballo, Lesa Hudak, Jerome Rankine, Becky Dankowski*

Members absent: *Katie Blanchard, Mike Skinner*

Others in attendance: *Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Todd Shipman, Jeff Jones, Josh Martin, Brighton McCormick, Anita Newhouse*

Meeting Chair: *Chris DesRoches*

Meeting Secretary: *BJ Titus*

Confirmed quorum: *Quorum was reached at 7:02*

Welcome to the Annual Meeting

Celebrating KFNA Accomplishments

1. Bridgil—Dankowski spoke about her work on the Bridgil which started in June of 2020. The Bridgil has had good turnout over the course of the year. It will be moving to once a month (the 1st Tuesday of the month) instead of weekly.
2. 100 Days of Community—Tschida talked about the project by Kingfield neighbors who came together to work as neighbors to create community as best we can in the winter and during a pandemic. The effort helped with the continued fear of crime and harm and how to create community as an antedote and looking at Safety beyond Policing. The endeavor created a [calendar of events](#). The 100 days have past, but the sentiment continues. The entire community of Kingfield really did come to together for the sake of one cause (community)
3. Equitable Development Scorecard—DesRoches talked on behalf of the Redevelopment Committee about the scorecard for Equitable Development and Community Change that was created in the past year. The goal is to have people understand how development works and how as a community member you all can be involved in this work. KFNA is working with other neighborhood associations on affordable (and equitable) housing plans. There will be a website in the future to use a base knowledge to develop the scorecard.
4. Census—Linnes Robinson talked about the collaboration with Sagrado Corazon on the food drive project at the beginning of COVID in 2020 for families in need for 4 months in a biweekly schedule. During those food drives, they flagged down cars to fill out their Census forms. The State of Minnesota had a 75% self-response rate and Minnesota was one of the only Midwest states where population grew. KFNA was honored to do this work and the food drive effort grew from 300 to 1000 grocery packs a week.

To see all of the work that the Kingfield Neighborhood Association work on, visit [2020 Year In Review link](#) to read all about our work.

KFNA Business

KFNA Finance & Plan modifications

Johnson presenting on our current financial health. The city is making changes to how the neighborhood associations are funded. Our biggest money in the past has come from the city, which will be cut drastically over the next three years. Currently, the majority of money from KFNA is spent on staffing, which goes to supporting our programming and working with our volunteers. We have some options on how to balance the budget and continue to offer KFNA programming. We have 4 options:

1. Take money from savings
2. Write Grants
3. Fundraising
4. Do Plan Modifications to move money around

We intend to do all of these things in order to keep KFNA running. You can read more about [the Plan Modification on our website](#).

Bylaw changes

Robbins spoke the proposed bylaw changes. We are changing our old bylaws because they were created in the 1980s and laws have changed and they needed a facelift in order to be compliant with law and city rules. KFNA worked with a non profit lawyer to create a template that was in compliance with new city laws. One of the first things to notice is that the Board was required to have 13 Directors. The change is that the Board will have no more than 13 and no less than 5 Board members. The goal is to continue to have 13 members, but would allow us to have less than that should a Board member resign. Other changes, are the Board members that must be 18 or older. Our old bylaws was 16 year old. 16-18 year olds are still members (and can vote) but cannot serve on the Board. Next change is that Board members can only serve 6 consecutive years (our old bylaws were 8) and then must take two consecutive years off before running again. Next change is that Outgoing Directors would retain their duties until the next scheduled Board meeting. With the new bylaws, we will not have a process where alternates are seated. There will no longer be a 1 year term limit for Officers of the Board (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). Lastly, KFNA (the corporation) has the power to amend the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and will not need to get approval to the members.

Candidate Forum

The 8 candidates had an opportunity to speak about the upcoming elections that is starting during this June KFNA meeting (annual meeting) and will conclude on Wednesday, June 16th.

Overview of voting process

Titus presented the ballot for the election of Board Members as well as voting on the Bylaws changes and Plan Modification approval. The ballot is open from June 9th to June 16th and you can [vote here](#).

Strategic planning update

DesRoches presented an update to one of the three subcommittees of the board, Strategic Planning. We are currently surveying the neighborhood to find how what is important to our neighbors.

<https://bit.ly/KFNAsurvey2021>

KFNA Preview

Events/initiatives (PorchFest, Election Team, etc.)

We are moving back to in person meeting. We will not be requiring masks or social distancing when it comes to in-person event. We are not the decision makers when it comes to these rules. We are following our leaders in the city.

Our parks remain closed to having our meetings. We have not come up with a way to continue to record so for the time being, KFNA Board Meetings will continue to be over Zoom.

Porchfest has been announced and will be on June 17th. Map will be posted next week with the location of the bands.

Kingfield Garden Tour will happen again this year on July 15th. Safe passage ways were created last year and will continue to be spaced and in multiple locations for this year's tour.

Reenvisioning of Lake and Nicollet,

The old Wells Fargo location is creating a new space of Culture and Community and Economics and Economic activities. These reenvisioning sessions will both be in person. More information will be announced later. Keep watching our eNEWS and website for more information.

Permits are being offered again for block parties. KFNA will need to discuss how should we engage with National Night Out (NNO) this year. In the past, NNO has been the highest contact in the neighborhood for KFNA.

Nicollet Open Streets penciled in for September 19th. Open Streets has agreed to announce at least 8 weeks in advance if they will be canceling the event. Lyndale Open Streets penciled in for October.

The local elections in November will be our last event of the year. This may be the last year that Kingfield all votes at MLK Park as the Census may change our precincts.

KFNA jointly posted with Lyndale Neighborhood Association a position of Equity and Justice Organizer. This full time position will be working with both neighborhoods on outreach and justice. Spanish is required.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.