



Kingfield Neighborhood Association, Board Meeting 12/8/21, 7-9pm_Virtual

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81979788880?pwd=TDNlZ29tM1RGSGZ3REkvVHRaS0FZQT09>

Board Packet Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b1hkSR8w8i-TYtbYOEwpeAbrz6eyujuP?usp=sharing>

Members in attendance: *Chris DesRoches, Sarah Tschida, Alice Johnson, BJ Titus, Dave Searl, Jerome Rankine, Katie Blanchard, David Robbins, Todd Shipman, Josh Martin*

Members absent: *Brighton McCormick, Lorial Roballo, Becky Dankowski*

Others in attendance: *Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Kenzie Imhoff*

Meeting Chair: *Chris DesRoches*

Meeting Secretary: *BJ Titus*

Confirmed quorum: *Quorum was met at 7:01*

Agenda

Meeting Called to Order/ Consent Agenda (minutes & Agenda) / Community Forum

Rankine moved to approve to approve the consent agenda

Shipman seconded

All present approved the consent, except DesRoches who abstained

Update on MN Peacebuilder and Restorative Justice Project

There is an opportunity through MN Peacebuilder and Restorative Justice Project along with the City of Minneapolis for a 6 month workshop for 10 community members to receive training for trauma and restorative justice as well as create their own safety plan. KFNA will be doing a joint application with Lyndale (10 community members total). The final result of the project is a safety plan. The community members could create a community safety plan for each individual neighborhood or it could be a joint plan. If accepted, it would be important for Board Members to be a part of these 10 community members. The decision for acceptance will be made by the Executive Directors from MN Peacebuilder and Restorative Justice Project.

Events for December and Event Calendar for 2022

- December Community Safety event update-- Butter Workshops, Light Up it Kingfield, Cookie Exchange

Butter is doing snowflakes and luminaires

Light it up Kingfield every Monday

Cookie Exchange this Saturday

Empty Bowls will be happening as a kitchen takeover on Superbowl Sunday

2022 Election will be in swing, there will be a primary, a caucus and an election this year, so KFNA will be present at all of these events.

Annual Meeting—The City is looking at having a city wide neighborhood association election/annual meeting day. The day would be sometime in May.

Sap Tap and Pancake Breakfast—hopefully the weather will be nice enough (March) to eat outside

On Thursdays we sing

Garden Tour

National Night Out

Board Committee Breakouts and Working Meeting

Think about the event schedule and how the particular committee can help

Committee updates share out

- Brainstorm Event Ideas and Identify Board Leads to Explore Certain Ideas More
 - Increase safety, neighbors on streets
 - historic walking tours of the neighborhood (churches and other things)
 - infrastructure tours of the neighborhood (Grand Ave, an explanation of features)
 - infrastructure tours of the neighborhood (40th street bikeway when completed with an end at the 40th Bridge (if the new art is there))

Fundraising

Great Gatherings (restaurants)
Ambassadors at Empty Bowls
Fundraiser based on the Block Captains
Commercial Connections

Recruiting

Annual Meeting

1. In person hopefully
2. More like past meetings
3. Have a firm date before Empty Bowls so we could announce it there

Strategic Planning

Engagement at Empty Bowls, Sap Tap, Office Opening

1. What are your priorities for the Kingfield Neighborhood Association?
2. Could Strat be at other events to make sure that we are getting feedback?

Scavenger Hunt in the neighborhood

Clues in different places?

Bonus clues in businesses around the neighborhood?

Our part of this, could we ask people questions

Procedure on taking a position discussion

Reading which includes:

- Overview of KFNA non-profit status guidelines for position-taking
- Overview of past KFNA positions and how they have been used
- Further Reading: <https://philanthropynewyork.org/public-policy-positions-and-process>

Thinking

- Administrative logistics: where positions are stored, effective dates, etc.?
- Should we create a flow chart on grant vs ballot amendment (what a process would be) and then create a template, what is the trigger of when it needs to go to the community?
- Should we use gradients of agreement more often to decide if we should even discuss items?

Discussion

- what has gone well?
- what can be improved?
- what resources and guidelines do we need to create for the future? (Ex: position-taking template that includes follow-up directions, communication plan, etc.)

Board discussion about position taking and coming up with a procedure on how to take a position

Needs to be a consensus about the role of the board is when it comes to political issues

The Board's duty is to safe guard the organization, Stewards of the organization

There needs to be a rubric of how the board moves forward on position taking

Does the position fit our mission?

Could we require a super majority of board members in order to take a position?

We shouldn't make a decision before we finalize our new mission statement

Board taking positions vs committees taking positions

Rubric, communication plan, does it match your mission,

Create mechanisms so neighbors know that the vote is taking place and they have the opportunity to have their voice heard.

Did we have a healthy conversation? Did we listen to one another?

Looking at the integrity of the organization and the transparent process on how we got there

Closing

What exciting or interesting things are you seeing happening in the neighborhood? What are you hearing from neighbors (concerns, questions, ideas)? How are you moving forward with your commitments to justice? Is there anything else you would like to share with the board?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.