



KINGFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting  
01/12/22, 7-9pm\_Virtual**

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87164063841?pwd=WWFaSC9pRUtPclFOdFJiU3FKYjRPUT09>

Board Packet Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SxldzAWlknH1tSOoBvyeghSM7uJnp7gS?usp=sharing>

**Members in attendance:** *Sarah Tschida, BJ Titus, Dave Searl, Jerome Rankine, Katie Blanchard, David Robbins, Todd Shipman, Josh Martin, Brighton McCormick, Lorial Roballo-Kaster, Becky Dankowski*

**Members absent:** *Chris DesRoches, Alice Johnson,*

**Others in attendance:** *Sarah Linnes-Robinson (KFNA staff)*

**Meeting Chair:** *BJ Titus*

**Meeting Secretary:** *Sarah Tschida*

**Confirmed quorum:** *Quorum was met at 7:02pm*

### **Community Forum**

No issues were brought forward during the forum.

### **Meeting called to order / Consent Agenda**

Todd moved to approve to approve the consent agenda

David S. seconded

No discussion

All present approved the consent

**Year to Date Budget Report + Organizer Contract Amendment** – *Sarah Linnes-Robinson (Treasurer Alice Johnson was not present)*

Sarah Linnes-Robinson presented several budget documents included in this folder:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DtVWl1Ph\\_oaAmV8rF6XlWv2EaBlbJXeG](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DtVWl1Ph_oaAmV8rF6XlWv2EaBlbJXeG)

- Budget vs Actual Q2
- Q2 Pie chart (note: Kenzie's hours reflect a start date of Sept. 2021)
- KFNA Financial Snapshot



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- City Contract Report (this document was included in the folder, but not covered during the budget presentation)

KFNA's funding and financials have changed and it is imperative for this Board to be focused on future sustainable funding as well as considering the future mission/ vision / scope of the organization and staffing models. KFNA currently takes about \$100,000 per year to operate as an organization. Most grants the organization receives are project-focused and do not contribute to general operating / overhead expenses. KFNA has been applying to the City's new pots of funding, where eligible, however this funding is not enough to cover current costs. KFNA needs to increase revenue in the form of grants and donations in order to continue operating as is. KFNA may have to ask the neighborhood to vote on drawing funds from an allocated account in order to cover general expenses again in 2022 (as was done in 2021).

First Amendment to Contract for Employee Cost-Sharing: Kenzie's probation period has passed and this amendment approves funding for the Equity & Justice Organizer position through 2022.

Motion to approve: David R.

Seconded: Lorial

No discussion

All present approved this amendment

### **Community Safety Update** – Sarah Linnes-Robinson

Sarah Linnes-Robinson presented this document:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EJ6tGUm\\_8GgaPSGZ3NK4FQrg5qcYS3t/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EJ6tGUm_8GgaPSGZ3NK4FQrg5qcYS3t/edit) and sought feedback on public safety programs/initiatives of KFNA and who is interested in being involved in each of the initiatives.

Update: KFNA applied for the City of Minneapolis / MN Peacebuilder and Restorative Justice program but was not selected.

Regarding the initiatives outlined in the handout: Several board members expressed that Block Contacts are foundational to the organization in terms of building neighborhood leadership and relationships, building capacity for the neighborhood and organization, helping to share and disseminate information. Block contact ideas include: focusing on individual relationship-building with block contacts, creating an outreach action plan and goals focused on building block contacts that aligns with equitable engagement funds, assigning board members to lead a regional group of block contacts, and coordinating fundraising asks through the block contacts. It was expressed that it would be helpful to have an overview of what has been done to date to recruit and engage with block



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contacts. Sarah LR will put together a report to share at the February meeting. Todd Shipman expressed interest in helping with the Block Contacts.

**KFNA Procedure on taking a position on a policy presentation**  
**Small groups of working through position/policy/action**  
**Presenting case studies**

These three agenda items have been moved to the February Board Agenda.

**Empty Bowls update and event sign up – Sarah Linnes-Robinson**

Kingfield Empty Bowls will be held on Sunday Feb 13, Noon-2 PM via a Butter Bakery Take-over! Several neighborhood restaurants are participating and there are approximately 8 neighbors involved in the planning. Board members are asked to sign-up to help with the event and a sign-up sheet will be circulated via email in the next couple of weeks. Board members are also asked to share info on social media.

**Committee Updates**

- Strategic Planning: Over the next 5 months, the work group is planning to further analyze survey results (quantitatively and qualitatively), create a summary that can be shared publicly, draft mission and vision info, create opportunities for neighbors to provide input in-person in a variety of locations around the neighborhood, and ideally vote on the finalized mission and vision at the annual meeting in May. Work group's charge has been focused on mission & vision which is first step in strategic planning. Board should consider planning a retreat to be able to spend more time to dig into big questions facing the organization.
- Fundraising: Fundraising letter went out at the end of the year (raised approx \$6,000 which is about the same as last year. was hoping for \$10,000). Sarah LR made some special calls to some developers. Would like to leverage idea to build on the block captains and determine if there will be some sort of special event. Would like to build out collateral, brand, mission/vision.
- Recruitment: Save-the-date for the KFNA Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 14 2022. This date coincides with the City's plan for a citywide annual meeting date.

**Closing**

*Each board and staff member shared: 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?*



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**The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.**