



Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
9/14/22, 7-9pm
Judson Church 4101 Harriet

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85874774208?pwd=bW1kNEFtZmFiMjBnTVVYWmNmUC9RUT09>

Board Packet Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lly1g5fjxp_lo04GWu9qV8vMC4zo4zoY

Members in attendance: *Katie Blanchard, Regina Burstein, Becky Dankowski, Alice Johnson, Josh Martin, Scott Mueller, Travis Norvell, David Robbins, and BJ Titus*

Members absent: *Brighton McCormick, Dave Searl, Todd Shipman, and Sarah Tschida*

Others in attendance: *Sarah Linnes-Robinson*

Meeting Chair: *Katie Blanchard*

Meeting Secretary: *Josh Martin*

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

Community Forum

No community members were present.

Consent Agenda

David Robbins moved to approve the consent agenda

BJ Titus seconded the motion

All approved

Staff Update

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided a staff update. SLR noted that this was the first time the KFNA Board had met in person since March 2020. SLR noted the city's 2023 funding timeline and changes to the process. The Neighborhood Network and Equity funds have been combined into a single application process and will be for a two-year period. The funding is \$18,500 per year for Kingfield - \$10,000 in base funds and \$8,500 in equity funds.

SLR noted that NCR will be conducting a Neighborhood Board Representation Survey and is asking to be present at a future KFNA Board meeting to conduct the survey, likely at the October board meeting. SLR will send the survey to board members to complete in the near future. The board was generally agreeable to an NCR representative attending the October meeting.

SLR noted that the city is seeking households to participate in the Pollinator Pathway Project. KFNA is conducting outreach and educational events in the neighborhood.

Q1 Financials

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided an update regarding the Q1 financials. Revenues and expenditures are generally in line with expectations, except that staffing is significantly under budget due to the vacancy in the organizer position. The total assets of the organization is \$340,881.04.

Moving NRP Funds

David Robbins moved to adopt a plan modification to transfer \$25,000 of NRP funds from the Alternative Transportation strategy to the Admin/Personnel strategy.

BJ Titus seconded the motion.

All approved.

Merger Update

Director David Robbins provided an update regarding merger/collaboration discussions with the Lyndale and Tangletown neighborhoods. All three neighborhoods are considering opportunities to collaborate and share staff to make the organizations more sustainable despite reduced funding from the city. The group met on September 7 to discuss the financials of each organization and the various options for collaboration including a shared services agreement/contract, a partnership, a parent-subsidiary structure, and a merger or consolidation. The group has not chosen a specific option at this time. At the next meeting, the group will discuss the options and the financials further. The board will be discussing the merger further at its retreat on October 30.

Board members expressed that they would like to hear more about the other neighborhood organizations, about the process for outreach to the neighborhoods regarding the merger, and the process for the merger itself. Board members suggested that the presidents of the Lyndale and Tangletown neighborhood associations be invited to the board retreat.

Recent Events Update

Director Scott Mueller provided an update regarding the polling party. He noted that the weather was comfortable on Election Day and noted that there were 2,226 in-person voters at MLK Park and approximately 44% turnout for the neighborhood, which is high for a primary. Scott also made a plug for “We Are Kingfield, We Vote” yard signs. Scott noted that the polling party struggled with staffing and additional volunteers will be needed for the General Election polling party on November 8. There is the potential for over 4,000 in-person voters at MLK Park in the general election. Scott noted that there will be an election returns party at Tap Society.

President Katie Blanchard provided an update regarding Community Care conversations/renter outreach. A small group conducted renter outreach in August. Another renter outreach event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 from 4:30-7:30 PM. Additional events will be scheduled for October and November. There is interest from the Lyndale association in this project.

Discussion of Committees, Events, Roles for Upcoming Year

The board had a discussion of committee structure, events, and roles for the upcoming year. Committees will include Outreach, Fundraising, and Merger. While not a formal committee, there are several events which require larger involvement – Polling Party, Empty Bowls, and StageFest. The board broke into small groups for further discussion. Key topics reported back from the small groups involved the potential merger and the interaction with outreach, fundraising at events, and using the Polling Party to recruit volunteers for events.

Future Board Meeting Locations

The board had a discussion of locations for future board meetings. The board had previously planned to meet at the KFNA Office, however, another organization at the space has reserved the space for the second Wednesday for the next few years. There are also issues with meeting at MLK Park due to the poor Internet access and the need to end at exactly 9 PM. Board members were generally supportive of meeting at Judson Church again in the future. Several other potential locations were discussed, but there were various issues (cost, lack of space, hours, etc.). SLR will reach out to the Aubrey regarding the use of the community room as another possibility. The board will also consider opening up the Community Forum to in-person attendees in the future.

Meeting Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.