



Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
12/14/22, 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/1fZV-pUH30bXg0z82g3xNPTZEmnwKlp11?usp=share_link

Members in attendance: *Katie Blanchard, Becky Dankowski, Alice Johnson, Josh Martin, Scott Mueller, Travis Norvell, David Robbins, Dave Searl, Todd Shipman, BJ Titus, and Sarah Tschida*

Members absent: *Regina Burstein and Brighton McCormick*

Others in attendance: *Sarah Linnes-Robinson and Mary Jo*

Meeting Chair: *Katie Blanchard*

Meeting Secretary: *Josh Martin*

Confirmed quorum: *Quorum was met at 7:00 PM*

Community Forum

A letter from Katherine Fuller was shared regarding disappointment regarding the city's lack of funding for neighborhood organizations. The letter expressed support for the work of neighborhood associations and their efforts in building community.

Consent Agenda

David Robbins moved to approve the consent agenda
Alice Johnson seconded the motion
All approved

Staff Update

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided a staff update regarding various items.

MLK Park Master Plan Timeline and Process: Still working on connecting with Park Board staff. No update at this time.

Big Projects for Next Year (Murals and Utility Boxes): Utility box murals around the neighborhood have deteriorated over time. It is KFNA's responsibility to maintain this project. Need to look into rewiring the utility boxes. Serve as a deterrent to graffiti on utility boxes. Original images of importance to the neighborhood were submitted by artists and approved by the city. Would be easier to use images which have already been approved than to add new images. Could select from the city's catalog of murals.

Recommend that we put together a budget and look at costs. Dedicate NRP funds to the project. There were originally 22 murals, but some of them have since moved elsewhere. Need to conduct an audit to see exactly how many murals need to be replaced. SLR will put together a map of the utility box locations.

Also looking into larger murals for the businesses at 43rd and Nicollet, however, this would require more funding. Working on a grant with the city and other fundraising for this project.

Merger Update

Director David Robbins provided an update regarding the merger. Work group has not met recently, however, there was a networking event for all three boards at Tap Society. There were productive discussions, however, there is still some uncertainty in the future of the potential merger and the ultimate decisions of Lyndale and Tangletown. The work group will meet soon to adopt language for the boards to vote on.

We are looking for initial approval of all three boards of an overview of terms for continued merger discussions. We are waiting for decisions from the boards before proceeding further. KFNA will take a vote at the January board meeting. Lyndale will also be voting in January.

Board members discussed some of the concerns about merging. Even with the three merged organizations, this would not, on its own, solve the financial situation of the organization. On the other hand, not merging or coming up with some other solution would lead to a board which is heavily volunteer driven. That tends to lead to inconsistency in the work of the organization.

Board members were generally supportive of a second three board social at Tap Society in early January.

2023 Events

The board discussed potential 2023 events. Board members placed events on a board based on the perceived value to the organization.

Fundraising Practice/Discussion

The board discussed fundraising for KFNA. The fundraising goal is \$10,000. The organization has raised \$2,365 in the last 30 days. Board members were asked to think about people in the neighborhood they can personally reach out to for a fundraising ask. Board members discussed the exercise and their plans for fundraising asks. Continued to discuss develop collateral for the organization. The fundraising committee will write handwritten thank-you notes to donors.

Meeting Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.