



Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
2/8/23, 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/1DIctady1LPQp0STe4T96RIMg4Rto9ZX>

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

Members absent: *Katie Blanchard and Regina Burstein*

Others in attendance: *Sarah Linnes-Robinson*

Meeting Chair: *BJ Titus*

Meeting Secretary: *Josh Martin*

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

Community Forum

No community members spoke during community forum.

Consent Agenda

Dave S moved to approve the consent agenda

Travis seconded the motion

All approved

MLK Park Master Plan and Park Dedication Fees

Colleen O'Dell, MPRB Planner gave a presentation regarding the MLK Park Master Plan and Park Dedication Fees. A master plan for a park includes a 20-30 year plan for the parks in the area, including existing features and proposed design features. An overview of various proposed design features was presented. The Capital Improvement Program is the six year plan for park projects, which is based on the park equity ranking. MLK Park is ranked #62 of 152 parks. This is also based on the condition of the park. Most park improvements in the past five years have been on the north side.

If funds are spent on improvements, including if the neighborhood organization opts to spend neighborhood dedication fees, the park will fall further down in the rankings for the CIP. Park dedication fees are funded from new developments in the neighborhood. This is used to fund projects in the neighborhood's parks. The theory behind the fees is that capacity must be expanded to serve the new residents, so only new projects (not maintenance) are eligible. Park dedication fee expenditures are ultimately determined by the Park Board, but the neighborhood organization can make recommendations.

Kingfield has \$316,442 available from park dedication fees. The only park in the neighborhood is MLK Park. For context, North Loop (which has significant new development) has \$1 million. An example was provided of a

recommendation from a neighborhood organization. It was noted that amendments to master plans are possible, but very difficult and would take about a year. It would be easier to recommend an item already included in the plan. An amendment would need to be an item not previously considered for inclusion in the master plan. There is limited detail in the master plan, so there is room for minor changes (such as moving an amenity), provided it does not conflict with other elements of the plan.

Recommendations should be made by September at the latest. MLK Park is unlikely to come up for improvements from the CIP for nine to ten years, however, park dedication fees could be utilized at any time. There are limitations based on staff capacity. A recommendation from the neighborhood organization will help to prioritize the project. If park dedication fees are used, it would likely take two to three years. Neighborhood funds can also be contributed to the project.

Board members discussed whether to move forward with an engagement process and making a recommendation. The neighborhood organization can define what the engagement process looks like. There was discussion of multiple engagement points – e-survey, annual meeting, farmer’s market, pancake breakfast, etc. the list should be narrowed to items that can be paid for by the park dedication fees. That would narrow the list to 13 projects. Board members generally agreed on a small group of board members discussing the issue further. Dave S and Josh will meet with anyone who is interested at Tap Society.

Staff Update

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided a staff update regarding various items. There was a discussion of pop-up funds and partnership with Lyndale. SLR also noted the possibility of a large, StageFest type event at the site of the former K-Mart. SLR noted the ramifications of the decision not to merge. SLR noted that she is working on transitioning out of her role as Executive Director, although she may still be available for other projects. There will likely be a need to switch to a lower-level “Coordinator” type role to save funds. SLR also noted that she feels like the work is no longer supported by the city.

SLR suggested a joint newsletter with Lyndale and Tangletown sent twice a year, in April and September. There was no objection from the board.

It has been difficult to find an organizer position, particularly someone who is capable of supporting Lyndale and Kingfield (Lyndale needs a Spanish-speaking organizer). SLR suggested that the board consider hiring an organizer just for Kingfield.

Annual Meeting

Vice President BJ Titus provided a brief update regarding the annual meeting. The board should plan on recruiting and holding elections for seven board positions. There was some discussion of timing and location for the annual meeting. There was discussion of combining the annual meeting with the monthly board meeting. There was some discussion of moving the board meetings back to MLK Park.

Empty Bowls

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided an update regarding Empty Bowls, which is this Sunday. Board members should sign up for volunteer shifts if available and plan to be present at the event.

Meeting Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Addendum – E-Vote on Roof Depot Resolution

The board considered the following motion by e-vote, with the voting period closing on March 1 at 12 PM: “The KFNA Board of Directors joins area neighborhood organizations to in signing on to a [letter](#) of solidarity with East Phillips against the demolition of the Roof Depot building for the Hiawatha Expansion Project as planned by the City of Minneapolis.”

Katie moved the motion
Scott seconded the motion

The motion was adopted by a vote of 10-0.

Yes: Katie Blanchard, Regina Burstein, Becky Dankowski, Alice Johnson, Josh Martin, Scott Mueller, Travis Norvell, Dave Robbins, BJ Titus, and Sarah Tschida

No:

Abstain/No Response: Dave Searl and Todd Shipman