



Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
6/14/23, 7-8:30 pm
MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet (and Zoom)

Board Packet Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mbCLrVI5Cy-Wuq4a50JA42rJcEL6QwSV>

Members in attendance (Part 1): *Katie Blanchard, Becky Dankowski, Alice Johnson (on Zoom), Josh Martin, Scott Mueller, Dave Searl, Todd Shipman, BJ Titus (on Zoom), and Sarah Tschida*

Members in attendance (Part 2): *Katie Blanchard, Becky Dankowski, Josh Martin, Scott Mueller, Dave Searl, BJ Titus (on Zoom), Sarah Tschida, and Emma Wolf (on Zoom)*

Members absent (Part 1): *Regina Burstein, Travis Norvell, and David Robbins*

Members absent (Part 2): *Regina Burstein, Travis Norvell, and Robert Roedl*

Others in attendance (Part 1): *Sarah Linnes-Robinson and Emma Wolf (on Zoom)*

Others in attendance (Part 2): *Sarah Linnes-Robinson and Todd Shipman*

Meeting Chair: *Katie Blanchard and BJ Titus*

Meeting Secretary: *Josh Martin*

Confirmed quorum (Part 1) (7): *Quorum was met at 7:05 PM*

Confirmed quorum (Part 2) (6): *Quorum was met at 7:05 PM*

Community Forum

No community members spoke during community forum.

Consent Agenda

Sarah Tschida moved to approve the consent agenda

Dave Searl seconded the motion

All approved

Plan Modifications

The board discussed a [plan modification](#) to support partnerships with Raices Sagradas and Kingfield Farmers Market. The plan modification has been approved by a community vote, as required due to the size of the modification.

Dave Searl moved the following resolution:

Whereas, The KFNA Board announced at the May 10th Annual Meeting that the plan mod would open to community voting in 21 day on May 31st. Notice was run in the eNews for five weeks total: first to inform people a vote was coming, and for then for members to cast their votes. 56 votes were cast. 55 were in favor and 1 against

the plan modification. Four board members voted and the rest provided their names and addresses in the neighborhood as verification of eligibility to vote;

Resolved, That, based on this community feedback, the KFNA Board votes to support the community and “bring back the strategy to “Develop or expand programming provided to resident children, families, youth, seniors, and minorities in the neighborhood,” put it into contract #24718, move \$50,000 from the “Green Residential Strategy” in the same contract to this strategy and allocate funds from the new strategy to partner organizations, as follows:

- Allocate \$40,000 to Raices Sagradas for providing free mental health services and mental health referrals at 38th and Pleasant in Spanish to community members.
- Allocate \$10,000 to Kingfield Farmers Market to set up the Power of Produce Program as a pilot location for year one.

The Scopes of Services will be prepared with the City of Minneapolis.

Sarah Tschida seconded the motion

All approved

The board discussed a plan modification related to shifting funds to use to supplement park dedication fees for the upcoming improvements at MLK Park.

Dave Searl moved That the board approve a Plan Modification for \$25,000 from contract 24718 Strategy 6 to move to park project line “MLK Park Events/Programs (Phase II, Community Development/Building Connections 1.1.5.)”.

Scott Mueller seconded the motion

All approved

KFNA Budget

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson and Treasurer David Searl presented on the proposed FY24 KFNA budget.

Josh Martin moved to approve the budget as presented

Dave Searl seconded the motion

All approved

Seating of New Board Members

President Katie Blanchard welcomed the newly elected board members, Robert Roedl and Emma Wolf. At this time, the newly elected board members formally took their positions as board members and the terms of the outgoing board members (Alice Johnson, David Robbins, and Todd Shipman) ended. Board members introduced themselves.

This represents the start of “Part 2” of the meeting, as noted in the introductory portion of the minutes.

Executive Committee Election

Katie Blanchard nominated BJ Titus for President

Dave S seconded the nomination

All in attendance approved BJ Titus for President

President BJ Titus assumed the chair at this time

Josh Martin nominated Katie Blanchard for Vice President

Sarah Tschida seconded the nomination

Scott Mueller nominated Scott Mueller for Vice President

Becky Dankowski seconded the nomination

Katie Blanchard was elected as Vice President by a vote of 6-1.

Katie Blanchard: Katie Blanchard, Becky Dankowski, Josh Martin, Dave Searl, BJ Titus, and Sarah Tschida

Scott Mueller: Scott Mueller

Abstain: Emma Wolf

Vice President Katie Blanchard assumed the chair at this time

Dave Searl nominated Josh Martin for Secretary
Becky Dankowski seconded the nomination
All in attendance approved Josh Martin for Secretary

Katie Blanchard nominated Dave Searl for Treasurer
Dave Searl seconded the nomination
All in attendance approved Dave Searl for Treasurer

Welcome to the new Executive Committee!

Hiring Update

Vice President Katie Blanchard gave an update on the hiring of a new Community Coordinator, who will serve as the new primary staff person for the organization. Katie held phone screenings with five candidates. The Hiring Committee will meet soon to discuss the four candidates to hold full interviews with. SLR is working on a transition plan for the new hire.

Staff/Board Updates

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided a staff update regarding the Pollinator Pathway project.

Treasurer Dave Searl provided an update regarding PorchFest. Board members Scott Mueller, Dave Searl, Josh Martin, and Becky Dankowski, and community member Todd Shipman are serving as PorchFest ambassadors to inform residents of KFNA and encourage them to donate to the organization. There will be signs available with QR codes for donations and buying PorchFest merchandise. Some parties may cancel tomorrow due to air quality issues, however, the event itself will not be canceled (unless things change). We may offer an additional PorchFest next Thursday, June 22 if a number of parties cancel.

Treasurer Dave Searl and Secretary Josh Martin provided an update regarding the Park Dedication Fees Voting and Outreach. The survey is open through June 28. We'll have some volunteers at local events, including Little Kickers/Ice Cream Social. After the survey is closed, Dave and Josh will review the results and provide a full report to the board and the city.

Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided a staff update regarding the Garden Tour. The tour is July 13 and is being led by Jim Kumon, who is building the new apartment building behind Butter Bakery. Tickets are being sold leading up to the tour. Laura Morrill is also helping out. XXX will serve as the board liaison.

Vice President Katie Blanchard provided an update regarding National Night Out. Residents throughout the neighborhood hold block parties. Board members will go throughout the neighborhood and provide Sebastian Joe's at parties. Volunteers will meet at Sebastian Joe's at 5 PM and party start times vary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.