



Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
9/13/23, 7-9 pm
MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet

Board Packet Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KkqfCSEnw7-i6WKGeBShYMHoOSoF7RRm>

Members in attendance: *Katie Blanchard, Becky Dankowski, Josh Martin, Scott Mueller, Travis Norvell, Robert Roedl, Dave Searl, BJ Titus, and Sarah Tschida*

Members absent: *Emma Wolf*

Others in attendance: *Ethan Fawley, Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Aaron Schaffer, and Ceugant Scholaidhe*

Meeting Chair: *BJ Titus*

Meeting Secretary: *Josh Martin*

Confirmed quorum (6): *Quorum was met at 7:00 PM*

Community Forum

No community members spoke during community forum.

Consent Agenda

Dave Searl moved to approve the consent agenda

Scott Mueller seconded the motion

All approved

Community Coordinator Introduction

Community Coordinator Ceugant Scolaidhe introduced himself to the board. Ceugant discussed his employment background prior to being hired at KFNA. He noted his desire to work for a neighborhood organization and was excited when this position was posted. Ceugant answered questions from board members.

Sap Tap

Aaron Shaffer presented regarding the [Sap Tap](#). The program is expanding with more volunteers. The Sap Tap program is looking to purchase a professional grade evaporator to increase volume and free up time to interact with neighbors. The request is for the board to provide \$700 for this purpose, which is 20% of the cost of the equipment.

Dave Searl moved for KFNA to approve a matching 20% commitment (\$700.00) for the cost of the evaporator which will be owned by the Minneapolis Park Board and stored at MLK Park and to commit to a minimum three-year commitment to organizing, selling tickets, providing all supplies, and staffing the Community Pancake Breakfast. The profits following this event, calculated as all sales for the breakfast and surplus syrup sales minus the breakfast food and supply costs (excluding staff or contractor time), will be calculated by KFNA and split equally after the event and paid in a single check to MLK Park.

Travis Norvell seconded the motion.

All approved

Board Updates

Dave provided a brief update regarding [Park Dedication Fees](#). The board approved the letter to the Park Board by e-vote, based on the feedback received from residents. The letter supports the amphitheater and pickleball courts, if possible to build both projects with available funding.

Vision Zero

Ethan Fawley presented regarding the city's [Vision Zero](#) program. Vehicle crashes generally have been down and at historically low levels. Fatal crashes, however, are at elevated levels. Vehicles are physically capable of going down city streets in excess of 70 miles per hour, which is highly reckless. Looking into what the city can do to address that problem. Proactive safety improvements on high injury streets – in Kingfield, this includes Nicollet, 36th, 42nd, and 46th.

The city is installing bollards and pedestrian safety islands. Plastic posts are cheaper and can be installed much more quickly, but the plan is to upgrade to more permanent treatments over time. Applications can be submitted for the [neighborhood traffic calming program](#). Demand vastly exceeds the capacity of the program – 700 applications were submitted and 25 applications were approved.

The city is working on achieving approval from the state legislature to have a pilot for an automated traffic enforcement camera program. Working on this again in the upcoming session in 2024. Trying to make sure cameras are in areas where there is interest and support. Traffic enforcement is currently down in the city. Unlikely to change any time soon.

In response to a question regarding traffic congestion and related air pollution, the response was that although that is not the focus of Vision Zero specifically, the city has many other programs as part of the [Transportation Action Plan](#) (TAP) working on providing alternative transportation options in order to address those issues. Vision Zero is developed in collaboration with the other aspects of the TAP.

Four cities in Hennepin County, including Minneapolis, currently have a 20 mile per hour speed limit. The city is currently evaluating the speed limit change and may be adding additional signage. There is a “basket weave” approach to stop signs, since oversaturating the streets with stop signs may encourage drivers to drive through stop signs. There is a process to request a four way stop, however, these requests are generally not approved for local streets.

In response to a question regarding expenses for plowing and maintenance of the traffic safety treatments, the response was that there is no cost difference with or without the treatments. In response to a question about the increased fatal crashes, the response was that all but one of the deaths occurred in locations where there have not been traffic safety treatments. The city is working to find other ways to address ongoing reckless driving issues. The city is working with the University of Minnesota to conduct data analysis regarding traffic safety in various areas across the city. The first report from the U of M is not yet published. It will be available on the city website after publication.

990 Form

Sarah Linnes-Robinson presented regarding the [990 Form](#). The organization's finances are fairly consistent with the prior year. The mission statement on the 990 Form will be updated to match the organization's current mission statement.

Dave Searl moved to approve and file the 990 Form, with the addendum that the mission will be updated to reflect the current mission.

Robert Roedl seconded the motion

All approved

Sarah Linnes-Robinson presented a quarterly financial update.

Board Updates

Scott and Josh provided an update regarding Get Out the Vote and the Ward 8 Candidate Forum. The forum is Tuesday, October 3 at 7 PM. There are four candidates in the Ward 8 election. Kingfield has the highest voter turnout in the ward historically. KFNA's main role is promoting the forum. We will also be tabling at the forum, as well as other organizations. The forum will be broadcast.

The election is in a little under two months. The yard sign campaign is going well. Turnout suffers in municipal elections. The polling party will be held on Election Day. Please [sign up](#) for a volunteer shift. We'll have an announcement in the eNews. We're looking into costs for the event.

Sarah Linnes-Robinson provided an update regarding [Raices de Sagrades](#). The document describes the manner in which Raices de Sagrades will report to the board. Katie volunteered to be the board liaison for this program. They would like to present at the October or November board meeting. This is an ambitious timeline for a new program to get off the ground. They will come speak to the board in person if they are requesting more money.

BJ provided an update regarding the Farmers Market. The Power of Produce program will launch this Sunday at the Kingfield Farmers Market. This is a campaign for 4-12 year olds to get \$2 tokens to talk to vendors and learn about the foods that are being sold. BJ will be volunteering at the Farmers Market on behalf of Kingfield.

Ceugant provided an update regarding the wraps for utility boxes. We need a board volunteer lead for the rewapping of utility boxes. Todd Shipman will also be assisting with this project. Dave Searl will be the board liaison for this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.