

Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2016

Approved as presented 3/14/16

ATTENDANCE:

Community Members: Council Member Andrew Johnson, Community Yoga Instructor – Eve Topaloglu; Julie ? - resident

Board Members Present: Erik Baxstrom, Katherine Pederson DeLong, Susan Fall, David Kaplan, Chris Lautenschlager, Molly McCartney, Kelly Morrell, Emily Resseger, Nathan Shepherd

Board Members Absent (excused) Charlie Christopherson (resigned), Betsy Born, Andy Fuller, Marcie Golden, Luis Morales

Board Members Absent (unexcused):

Staff: Shirley Yeoman, Bob Kambeitz

Meeting started with discussion at 7:03 since quorum was not achieved. Molly noted that Charlie Christopherson has submitted his resignation effective immediately.

Elected Officials and Guests – Forum for City Council/County Commissioners/State Sen. or Reps or other officials to update on issues related to the neighborhoods

- **Eve Person Topaloglu** – Doula & Yoga Instructor
 - Eve is planning to teach yoga classes at Lake Hiawatha Park. They don't have needed equipment and she is asking SENA to help with purchasing that. She presented proposals for SENA support and described the equipment she would need.
 - Molly reviewed SENA's grant policy and also explained that when we approved the budget we agreed we would not do any community grants this year.
 - Other possibilities for funding were discussed.

Quorum was reached. Molly McCartney, President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items -- Items Previously Sent To the Board

Motion was made by David and seconded by Emily to approve the consent agenda, as amended, which includes the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting. Motion approved with the minutes as amended. Add to agenda – discussion of Friends of Lake Hiawatha Group relationship to SENA

- **Julie**, resident, talked about Meatless Monday and wants us to add it to the Annual Meeting next month. She discussed her concerns for global warming at some length.
- **CM Andrew Johnson**
 - City approved their budget; thinks it is a good budget. Most people will see a decrease in property taxes and they still managed to fund some really great things
 - Restaurant at 46th & Hiawatha has not resolved the gap in funding; still trying to get some partners. Andrew is working to help close that gap.
 - Lake Hiawatha & Golf Course - City MPRB, DNR will be getting together to review data
 - Also provided information about a possible large redevelopment on 38th Street near the LRT Station. He is excited about the possibility and thinks it will provide great opportunities for public input
 - He is working with mayor's office and multiple city offices & will include Metro Transit
 - Molly – this would realize west side of Hiawatha as originally laid out in plan
 - Bob – does their plan include the Larson Bernina building? – No it doesn't
 - He is working with Public Works staff to get first EB charging station in public right of way

- RE: bicycle fatality at LRT station. He is working with Public Works to make some improvements – perhaps crossing arms for bicycle path
 - Bob – Howie Padilla – or staff – will be at next BDT meeting – maybe some city staff
- David –do we know when the next meeting for golf course is scheduled? It will be soon.

Financial Reports

- Shirley reviewed the end-of the year financial reports which were included in the Board packet.

Board Approval of NRP Plan Mod

- **This language for a NRP Plan Mod was presented to the Board at the 12/14/15 meeting.**

We now need a motion to approve an NRP Plan Mod to:

- Move \$25,000 from our Program Income dollars (Phase I Housing – Goal 1.Obj.a.Strategy2) to:
- NRP Phase II Implementation contract (Phase II Community/Safety Goal 1. Obj.A, Strategy 1.) specifically to the following line items:
 - General Operating:\$ 7,500
 - Personnel: \$17,500

and

- Move \$25,000 old unexpended Vacant/Vulnerable Housing Gap Program (Phase I Housing – Goal 1.Obj.b.Strategy 1) to:
- NRP Phase II Implementation contract (Phase II Community/Safety Goal 1. Obj.A, Strategy 1.) to the new line item – Strategic Planning.

Total amount of Plan Modification = \$50,000

Motion was made by Chris seconded by David. Motion approved – will now go to community for vote at Annual Meeting.

Board Approval of By-Laws Change – Removal of Board Members

- **Proposed Change to By-Laws was presented to the Board at the 12/14/15 meeting**
The Governance Committee is proposing the following change to SENA By-Laws (which includes one modification made at the meeting with no dissent)

Current:

Section 1.8 Removal

All directors shall be subject to removal for cause at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

Proposed Change: Section 1.8 Removal

A Director may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall be notified in writing by the Secretary, Secretary’s designee, or the Director requesting the removal at least ten business days prior to the meeting at which removal for cause is to be voted upon. The Director proposed for removal will have the opportunity to be heard prior to a vote.

Removal of a Director for cause shall be effective immediately upon conclusion of the vote.

Motion was made by Emily and seconded by Kelly to approve the by-laws change. Motion approved.

Annual Meeting Planning - Feb 10 – Wed – 6:30 – 8:30

- **Food** – Kelly will work on soliciting donations from local businesses. Thinks it would be nice to ask businesses to put up a poster –
- **Poster** - Eric will design poster – Kelly will help with content
- **Presentations** – Several suggestions were made.
- Kelly – we should use it as an opportunity to promote volunteer opportunities
 - Table for skill share & Welcome Packets
- **A meeting** was set to do final planning for the annual meeting -Wed 27 – 7:00 – SENA office – anyone who is interested.

Strategic Planning discussion

Molly has been working on scope of work and timeline. We should create a proposal committee to complete the scope of work and then look at proposals and make recommendation to the board. Potential committee: Nathan, Emily, Molly, David; will ask others

Once we have new board will try to do a Board retreat with consultant – probably May or June; overview in March – welcome new people

Clarifying SENA’s Relationship to Friends of Lake Hiawatha

It was started as SENA project but now there is a new group which has taken over that organizational name and structure. Are they perceived as a group of SENA without accountability

Molly – communicated with Stefanie Musich – only thing we’ve provided is meeting space

David – point is that we may be answering the question whether we are affiliated – Emily says we should say no.

Chris – doesn’t need formal statement – just wanted to make sure we discussed it.

Chris noted that he has decided yet whether he is running for reelection. He has decided that he will not continue doing the e-Newsletter after the next one. Executive committee will discuss.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kelly and seconded by Chris.

ADJOURN –Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Shirley Yeoman, staff

Minutes approved, January 11, 2016 _____
Molly McCartney, President

Next meeting:
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2016
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

SENA Mission Statement:

The Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association brings neighbors together to build on the strengths of the Standish and Ericsson neighborhoods – stability, diversity and concern for others.