

## Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2016

**Approved as presented 5-9-16**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Community Members:** Council Member Andrew Johnson

**Board Members Present:** Erik Baxstrom, Betsy Born, Kassie Church, Megan Dawson, Andy Fuller, Molly McCartney, Luis Morales, Kelly Morrell, Paul Kolodge, Emily Resseger, Nathan Shepherd

**Board Members Absent** (excused) Katherine Pederson DeLong, Marcie Golden, David Kaplan, Susan Fall

**Board Members Absent** (unexcused):

**Staff:** Shirley Yeoman

### **Call to Order/Welcome**

Molly McCartney, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone introduced themselves.

### **Consent Agenda Items -- Items Previously Sent To the Board**

Motion was made by Nathan and seconded by Betsy to approve the consent agenda, as amended, which includes the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting. Change is to add to the agenda – Clean Water exercise with will be part of Emily's project update, and discussion of 38<sup>th</sup> Street development, part of CM Johnson's time. Motion approved.

**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

#### **CM Andrew Johnson**

##### 1. Development on 38<sup>th</sup> Street

- Thanks for community meeting on development – great turnout – on the largest he's seen
- Seems the major concern is parking
- All signatures required for rezoning have been secured – now they can move forward
- Andrew is working with MetCouncil - asking them to delay bicycle storage facility at the station. Just pause it until they figure out what will be happening with development.
- Emily – affordable housing, which is not included in this development. What are the opportunities in the possible future larger development to get affordable housing included?
  - Neighborhood Association being a champion – sending a letter to developer etc. would probably be helpful.
  - Also look at other locations – opportunity for affordable housing – maybe Bergen's area
- Nathan – is concerned about the conflict with pedestrians in the alley – need to have some kind of remediation
  - Andrew will bring that up to the developer. Pretty sure he can get them to do something at the site to help.
- Erik – how far along is second phase?
  - They are looking at the particulars to see if it is feasible. There are a lot of pieces that would have to come together – lots of things to evaluate. All of the key players are really enthusiastic

2. Angry Catfish – parklet coming in front of their shop probably within the next month. About the length of car space – public realm for people to sit
3. Lake Hiawatha/Golf Course – city, Park Board and the Minnehaha Watershed District continue to work on the problems. They are talking to homeowners who could be impacted if pumps are shut off – between 12 and 24 homes. Talking with DNR to see what they will say. Not sure DNR will say anything definitive. Expect a public meeting in the next couple of months. There are a range of options available – from status quo to shutting off pumps and impacting homes
  - They will release a report – figure out how to make the info digestible. He has recommended a video to explain it.
4. Fiber optics continuing to roll out – hopes to get it to Hiawatha by end of year.
5. Still several businesses looking at 46<sup>th</sup> /Hiawatha
6. Looks like a Tattoo parlor & Salon will be coming to old Social Dance Studio site – it is being divided.
7. SAC fees – Keen Eye has been impacted – found out adding 3 tables outside would cost them \$1500 in SAC fees. Staff person at Met Council really couldn't explain it. Andrew is working to get patios exempt from SAC. Hopes to get it passed through House and Senate

### **Financial Reports**

- Current Financials - Shirley reviewed the financial reports and reported briefly about a workshop she attended.

### **Approval of CPP Annual Report**

- Details for the report are included as an attachment. Actual report will be entered electronically.  
Motion was made by Betsy and seconded by Kelly to approve the report. Motion approved.

There was some discussion about whether or not we should try to get our minutes on website – maybe with action items at the top of the minutes and some guidelines about what is included. This was referred to Community Engagement workgroup to discuss further.

### **Project updates:**

- Welcome Committee
  - Nothing new
- SkillShare Events
  - 3 people signed up for bike maintenance - hoping for 5 to 10. Spent some money on Sibley – we need to pay for staff time since it's on Sunday. No one signed up for May yet
  - Molly will create Facebook events
- Lake Hiawatha/Minnehaha Creek Water Quality project
  - Emily – event at Lake Hiawatha April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bob is planning. Anyone else who can staff a table let Bob know. We will be asking people to sign up for Clean Water Pledge

For our Green Partners Grant we need to conduct a meeting with a small group to assess what barriers there are that keep people from doing things that impact clean water. The Board will serve as that group. The following is that focused discussion.

1. Who is thinking about water quality in your own life and own yard and what are you doing about that?
  - Megan – does think about it – doesn't know what to do about it. Has her kids pick up trash in the gutter.
  - Nathan – installed rain garden in front yard. There were questions for Nathan about what that means. Nathan explained the process.
  - Luis – they have 3 rain barrels. They do think about it – they are careful about tossing things in toilet – pick up trash outside.
  - Molly – does think about it – doesn't use pesticides – rakes up after ginko tree & cleans gutter
  - Betsy – more aware of what's in the gutter
  - Andy – they think about it – don't use pesticides – participate in clean ups
  - Kassie – only had a yard since October – hasn't really thought about it at all
  - Erik – how much would him having a rain barrel impact water quality? Car wash water – wonders what happens to that water
  - Molly – asked Nathan if he gets a storm water credit – he doesn't know about it. Emily thinks it's not much but there is a credit if you have a rain garden.
  - Nathan – they did get rain barrels .
  - Molly – A Clean Water Action door knocker came to her house – totally schooled him on what she's doing
  - Emily – about a year ago Sean started talking about all the garbage in Lake Hiawatha – did an art exhibit on the trash he pulled out of the lake
  - Molly – Hiawatha doesn't have a catch basin to collect the trash
  
2. Anyone live very near the lake? Does that make you more aware?
  - Andy –Yes – Emphatic yes.
  
3. What do you think keeps you from doing more? What would make it easier?
  - Paul –doesn't know which makes the most impact for the effort?
  - Kelly – lack of knowledge. Learned about wood chips and that you can overdo them in the boulevard.
  - Erik – across the street from his house there is a little puddle of mulch in the street.
  - Molly – know some small steps to incorporate in own yard maintenance
  - Paul – some kind of cheat sheet – like the recycling stuff
  - Kelly – more information at the Lake itself.
  - Shirley – maybe believe that my small contribution won't make much difference
  - Other people are needed to help – designing a yard sign – has to be done by Friday.
    - Anyone interested in volunteering on 23<sup>rd</sup> – hang out a lake Hiawatha get people to sign up for clean water pledge.
    - May get master water steward to join.
    - Molly – RHS kids need a certain number of hours
  - We might be able to get a larger grant next year. This is a year of testing things

- Dokken Building Mural project
  - Bob's report says work will begin at the end of April
  - Will there be an eagle?
  
- Façade Improvement Grants
  - Shirley reviewed the applications received so far. Two were approved by BDT last Thursday – Blue Construction and Leslie Dokken's building (4148-54 28<sup>th</sup> Ave S)

### Strategic Planning discussion

Deadline for proposals is Thursday at 5:00. Anyone interested in reviewing let Molly know. 3 or 4 firms have asked about the project.

Those indicating interest were: Nathan, Paul, Emily, Erik, Betsy and Megan. David was not at the meeting but Molly knows he is interested.

Molly will pick some days for interviews – late afternoon or early evening.

**Board training/retreat** - likely date of May 21 - has 13 responses so far. Likely 9:00 – 1:00. At the SENA office

### Other topics

Garage sale date is the same as the A-Line grand opening with special activities.

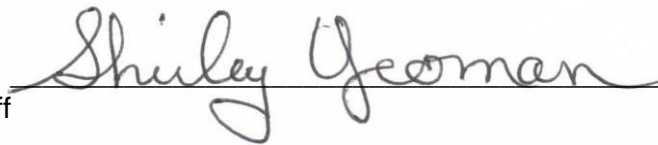
**Nathan** – Powderhorn 24 – The woman who runs the bonus stops is a friend. Does SENA want to set up a Bonus Stop? Can we harness that energy some way? Explained Bonus stops and how they work. Community Engagement workgroup will work on it. Nathan will sign us up for one.

Motion to adjourn was made by Betsy and seconded by Andy.

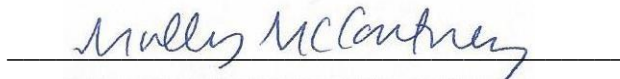
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes submitted by:  
Shirley Yeoman, staff



Minutes approved, May 9, 2016  
Molly McCartney, President



Next meeting:  
Monday, May 9, 2016  
7:00 – 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.