

Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2016

Approved 7/11/16

ATTENDANCE:

Community Members: Council Member Andrew Johnson

Board Members Present: Erik Baxstrom, Betsy Born, Kassie Church, Katherine Pederson DeLong, Andy Fuller, Molly McCartney, Kelly Morrell, Emily Resseger, Nathan Shepherd

Board Members Absent (excused) Megan Dawson, Susan Fall, Marcie Golden, David Kaplan, Paul Kolodge, Luis Morales

Board Members Absent (unexcused):

Staff: Bob Kambeitz, Shirley Yeoman

Call to Order/Welcome

Molly McCartney, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items -- Items Previously Sent To the Board

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Betsy to approve the consent agenda, as presented, which includes the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting. Motion approved.

Financial Reports

1. Current Financials - Shirley reviewed the financial reports
2. Acceptance of Financial Review from BWK Rogers
3. Approval of IRS 2015 990EZ with attachments
4. Approval of MN Attorney General's Charities Annual Review

At their meeting on May 16, 2016, the finance committee reviewed the documents, which include the Financial Review from BWK Rogers, the IRS 2015 990EZ with attachments, and the MN Attorney General's Charities Annual Review report, and recommends their approval by the Board. Comes from committee as a motion with a second. Motion approved.

Strategic Planning – selection of Consulting Team

Molly reported – interviews went really well with three teams: Mill City Consulting, Willow Consulting, and Roger Meyer Consulting

The committee recommends contracting with Roger Meyer Consulting. Some of the criteria noted includes:

- Strong familiarity with neighborhood groups
- Their familiarity with the St. Paul funding structure for neighborhood associations, which is similar to what Minneapolis has now
- The know how to old Boards accountable
- Budget friendly
- They bring an outside perspective – at the end was a deciding factor
- Andy added that he knows and has worked with Melissa and gives a strong endorsement

Kelly wanted it noted that Melissa is the current interim director at Smart Trips, which is an organization that gets funding from her employer, Metropolitan Council

Although this came from committee, a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Andy to approve the committee's decision to contract with Roger Meyer Consulting for our strategic planning. Motion approved.

Emily – what will next step be? Molly – will contact Roger Meyer – set up a time to start working on scope of services using RFP as a guide – work on timeline and deliverables.

Project updates:

1. Welcome Committee - Kelly – nothing to update
2. SkillShare Events –Kelly
May – native plants – cold but went well – 9 registered – 8 came
Next will be in August – canning is the topic
3. Lake Hiawatha/Minnehaha Creek Water Quality project – Emily reporting
 - 58 people pledged so far. We have new signs so please sign up if you haven't.
 - Will be tabling Thursday at Sibley Park ice cream social & movie. Anyone interested in tabling? – Kassie will help.
 - We are meeting on Wednesday with Patience Caso from Green Partners regarding how the project is going.
 - On SENA webpage there is a map where all the pledges are. Pretty cool.
 - Bob noted that we have shifted some funds in the original budget to allow for more signs
4. Dokken Bldg Mural project - Bob
 - Group moving forward with design – Audubon is being a little heavy handed in their design criteria. It needs to be broader than Hiawatha water quality, more MN Water Quality.
 - We will power wash and prime. Will need to have a priming night.
 - They want to start on 22nd, but he thinks it will be later.
5. Façade Improvement Grants – Shirley reporting
It appears that a couple of projects have been completed – the laundromat on 38th Street and the building owned by Leslie Dokken at 28th Ave & 42nd Street – but no one has submitted paperwork for billing. We approved an application from Everett's Foods. I also visited with two possible applicants at 23rd Ave and 35th Street. No applications have been submitted.
6. Powderhorn 24 – Molly emailing with Katie – needs to respond to her.
7. Neighborhood Engagement – Neighborhood Happy Hours
There will be an announcement soon about the very first neighborhood happy hour – sometime in July
If anyone has ideas for community engagement, please feel free to link up with the committee.

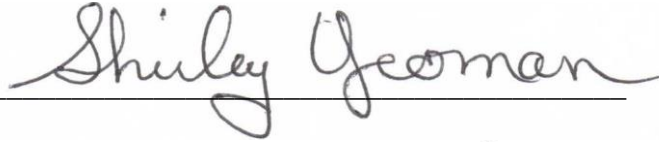
Other topics

- ▶ Nathan – how was the garage sale?
 - Postcard worked. 126 people signed up. Only 16 from Corcoran.
 - Bob asks people what they made – also how many things they've sold. Both approach ½ million for all the years we've been doing it.
 - Disabled American Veterans pick up was scheduled for today – he saw the truck out.
- ▶ Molly - Development at 28th/38th
 - Hearing was pushed back because of needed additional variance. Hearing now scheduled for June 27
 - Last she heard staff at city was inclined to not support C-2 zoning. Molly encouraged Board members to write letters if they have an opinion. She plans to send a letter, but it will be from her personally, not on behalf of the Board.
 - Station Area Plan – developer entered in to an exclusive option with Met Council. Metro Transit will be involved with any community engagement. Have 5 CE specialists.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by everyone and seconded by everyone.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Shirley Yeoman, staff



Minutes approved, July 11, 2016
Molly McCartney, President



Next meeting:
Monday, July 11, 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.