

Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Approved as Presented 10-10-16

Community Members: Council Member Andrew Johnson; Gedric Merrit, Rachel Schindler – Hiawatha YMCA; Michelle Chavez, NCR Dept.; Melissa Hysing, Amanda & Charlie - residents

Board Members Present: Erik Baxstrom, Betsy Born, Megan Dawson, Katherine Pederson DeLong, Andy Fuller, Molly McCartney, Luis Morales, Kelly Morrell, Emily Resseger, Nathan Shepherd

Board Members Absent (excused) Susan Fall, David Kaplan, Paul Kolodge,

Board Members Absent (unexcused): Kassie Church, Marcie Golden

Staff: Bob Kambeitz

Call to Order/Welcome

Introductions

Consent Agenda Items -- Items Previously Sent To the Board

Motion was made by Emily and seconded by Luis to approve the consent agenda, with the items added, which includes the minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting. Items added to agenda: Issue of property sales involving 3725 Cedar. Motion approved.

Motion to add YMCA staff to the agenda was made by Katherine and seconded by Kelly. 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

- **Michelle Chavez, NCR**

Here to present board member survey. Survey was distributed and collected. NCR wants to see if leadership and volunteer boards are in alignment.

- Kelly: What if demographics of neighborhoods and survey-takers don't match?
- Michelle: If mismatch, City has tools for diversity seeking/matching. This includes City boards.
- Michelle: Will be completing by end of Sept

- **YMCA - Gedric Merritt:**

- He has been there for 20 years. Do a lot of Roosevelt collaboration. "Operation Holiday Basket" 46 years. Partnership with Americorps. 200 volunteers. Y's Men Tree lot – funds Swim Lessons, other programming. Bridging gap between young and old.
- Collaboration with Henn Co to keep kids in school.
- Mondays – "500" (cards), older participants, mostly.
- Assist with school testing for students at Roosevelt.
- Day Camp – pick up kids at Y, take them to Camp Kitchiwatchi near Bloomington.
- Bob: Is there a way to nominate people to the "Operation Holiday Basket" list?
- Gedric: I'll have a separate phone number. Gedric/Rachel will get info to Bob.

- **Amanda/Charlie** – new to neighborhood, visiting.

- **Melissa Hysing:** Is interested in the issues surrounding 3725 Cedar Ave S. She helped door knock this building two years ago.

- Molly: Review of context of current apartment discussion. Will continue this discussion in a bit.

- **CM Andrew Johnson**

- Catchment at Lake Hiawatha. Results not great. Not a lot of garbage collected. Problem may be that it's just a floating catchment, not a 'net' – Andrew willing to pay for \$6000 net, would be willing to pay for it out of Ward money. Problem: month to get it here, no time for this year. Possible for next year.
- Welcoming-Roosevelt-students-back partnership – thank you.
 - Molly: Lots of people there, lots of officials
- 38th/28th development: Start late Oct early Nov
- 38th/Cedar: Trying to get the bus lane shortened up
- Sunrise Inn: Got some traction with a new buyer; still problems with price
- 46th/Hiawatha: No traction.
 - Kelly saw on website that NHM(?) Fitness has “Coming Soon” there on their website.
- Dog Grooming: Emily: What happened there? - Andrew: Tough landlord to deal with.
- Council is working on study of Wage Ordinance. Draft is circulating. \$12 or \$15. Thinks this will happen in the spring.
- Andrew: Police insurance amendment – thinks there are still problems with implementation. City should implement a review/development plan for Police Body Cams.
 - Molly: Questions the election of Bob Kroll as Union leader, and his ‘Wild West’ mentality. Doesn’t feel like he/they (leadership) value the community.
 - Andrew: Agree. Some sordid history, also. What can citizens do? Greeting kids, look for opportunities to acknowledge good work of police. Police feel underappreciated. Hire, promote positive behavior. CSO Program being used now instead of “Rule of 3” - downplays marksmanship, pushups etc, emphasizes ‘soft skills’ – has increased diversity. De-escalation, mental health handling. Last class had more women than ever.
 - Bob: Why shuffling of Precinct leaders?
 - Andrew: Probably to compensate for firing of Fourth precinct leader. And/or to get best experience up to North.
 - Megan: Used to like her old neighborhood, had police contact – liked it. Can we get that?
 - Molly: We can try that
 - Andrew: I can facilitate that
- 3725 Cedar Ave S – Zorbolis was forced to sell to Steve Frentz, but actually held them, lied to City. Lawsuit around this, should hear result this week. Approximately 20 offers for building. No open orders. City as Receivership – can only do that to bring property up to code, then lose Receivership. City cannot engage in private sale interference.
 - Molly: Does the City think any action can be taken against Zorbolis/Frentz for collusion/fraud?
 - Andrew: Yes, but this is confidential.
 - Bob: Is this affordable housing just because it is inexpensive? No open orders?
 - Andrew: Yes to both.
 - Megan: Are there follow-up procedures on open orders? - Andrew: Yes.
 - Nathan: Are there requirements/restrictions that can be put on a property after sale/new license?
 - Andrew: Yes. Shorten timeline for required fixes.
 - Molly: Is interested in putting together a letter to get to City. Is there a motion?

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Luis that we draft a letter in support of the residents at 3725 Cedar. Nathan: Friendly amendment: Asks that the letter include an expectation of stringency on new license requirements. Kelly – friendly amendment accepted. Motion approved unanimously

Financial Reports - Current Financials – see the reports

Strategic Planning Update (meyerconsulting.org/)

We'll be getting a better update from Meyer after meeting this week. Kelly offers to set up 42nd/28th Saturday morning sign up. Megan offers to call bar to ask for freebies for Happy Hour. Molly: Board retreat late Oct/Nov

Project updates:

- Welcome Committee
Kelly – Megan & Molly will check with real estate agents they know who might be able to set up MLS for the neighborhood so we can get welcoming info to new residents
- SkillShare Events
Kelly – Has a guy in neighborhood who can do Canning in October, here, with small gas stoves, Katherine offers induction stove; also adding a Fermentation Skillshare in late October
- Lake Hiawatha/Minnehaha Creek Water Quality project
Doing pilot with City, MCWD & Hamline – using Master Water Stewards to door-knock . Next year's grant due Oct 14 – Emily will want a co-leader for that. Will use Q of Life to brainstorm ideas. What will it be - partnership? broadened boarders? Andy says he will be co-partner for next year.
- Dokken Bldg Mural project
End of September
- Façade Improvement Grants
Nathan: Gave away \$30,000 in grants, last bit to Vittles.
- Powderhorn 24
Take this off agenda until next May
- Neighborhood Engagement – Neighborhood Happy Hours
Sounds like late October (27th maybe) Megan offers to call bar to ask for freebies for Happy Hour.

Other topics

- Kelly: Lot of trash in Lake Hiawatha Park, more than previous years. What do we do? Email Steffanie Musich.

Meeting adjourned 9:ish

Minutes taken by: _____
Bob Kambeitz, staff

Minutes approved, August 8, 2016 _____
Molly McCartney, President

Next meeting:
Monday, August 8, 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.