

Standish-Ericsson Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 10, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Approved as Presented 11/14/16

Community Members: Council Member Andrew Johnson; Cora Peterson, East Nokomis Resident – MinHi Line; Andrew Viren, Met Council; Nathan Van Wylen, Longfellow resident – MinHi Line

Board Members Present: Erik Baxstrom, Betsy Born, Kassie Church, Megan Dawson, Marcie Golden, David Kaplan, Paul Kolodge, Molly McCartney, Kelly Morrell, Emily Resseger, Nathan Shepherd

Board Members Absent (excused) Katherine Pederson DeLong, Susan Fall, Andy Fuller, Luis Morales

Board Members Absent (unexcused):

Staff: Bob Kambeitz, Shirley Yeoman

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 David and seconded by Betsy to approve the consent agenda, with the added item “Hiawatha Deal”-right after Andrew, which includes the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting. 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**
 - Ground breaking for Lander project – Oct 19th at the site.
 - He is working with Greater Friendship on pedestrian safety
 - Worked with the building owners at Cedar & 38th to free up parking at the new space. Consolidate bus stops – also no parking in a.m. designation will be moved
 - New public works director – gave her a ward tour and told her his top priorities are (1) transformation at 38th/LRT, (2) Lake and Hiawatha changes and (3) Hiawatha Ave signal timings are his top 3 priorities
 - Was at Coldwater Springs today –proposing a resolution for protection of that area
 - ? Erik – 38th & Cedar continuing the extra driving lane in the a.m. – why not more revisions. They were skittish because of heavy traffic volumes – will wait for future need to push for it again
 - Erik – less traffic north of 38th than south of 38th
 - Discussed a “road diet” – 3 lanes with one for turning
 - ? Erik – 38th St redo east of Hiawatha looks great. Trees will go in in the Spring

MinHi Line – Cora Peterson, East Nokomis resident & Nathan Van Wylen, Longfellow resident
They are proposing a study for bike/pedestrian trail along current rail line – see the draft letter attached.

- This is based on a notion that a plan for a greenway has been referred to in many city/county documents for decades. Would like to get a formal planning document done. Parcels are turning over in the area. There is currently no end date for rail user in the corridor. They believe it will be helpful to do the planning first even without sale date from owner. They envision a comprehensive development plan that will probably cost \$40-50,000 to do the study and create marketing document. They are requesting a letter of support from SENA.

- ? Emily – how would this relate to Hiawatha Corridor plan? That plan has a lot of great resources in it – a ton to build on from that.
- ? Molly – is there an identified funding source? No – it’s a general ask. Will try to develop a cost estimate based on information for other areas.
 - Molly – Park Board – recommended talking to Stefanie Musich
- ? David – tracks are still in use with no sunset for their use. If we don’t know when they will stop using them does it make more sense to wait until there’s an end-date for users?
 - Cora - it absolutely needs to happen now. It will be part of the city/county’s role to make contact with RR. Developers are looking at properties and buying properties now and that will impact the ability to do this.
 - Cora – another option is to do an incremental development, i.e. we already have Grand Rounds up to 46th St. – trying to push it to 44th. She believes it makes sense economically to negotiate for entire parcel at the beginning.
 - Nathan VW – Midtown Greenway has plans to extend to behind Target. Might also look at Dight Ave & Snelling Ave. There are issues with RR that need to be dealt with – like 35th Street.
 - The draft letter is directed to city and county – Minn/Hiline Coalition is their name – Emily – would like to have that information in the letter.

BDT Committee is bringing a motion from committee that SENA approve sending a letter of support based on the draft letter attached. (See Attachment A) Emily made a friendly amendment to add name of group and why SENA is interested. Motion approved.

Action items

- **WRBA Staffing Proposal** (See Attachment B)

After discussion David made a motion to approve the proposal and Emily seconded. The motion was approved.

- **SUN Commitment** – SUN is asking all individual boards to discuss and renew their commitment to continuing their involvement with SUN.

Motion to extend the SUN Commitment through 2017 was made by David and seconded by Betsy. Motion approved.

- **FIP Grant Application** – Current FIP grant is nearly all committed, so we are eligible to submit a second proposal.

Motion was made by Emily and seconded by Nathan to approve the submission of a Great Streets FIP Grant request for \$50,000. Motion approved.

Financial Reports

- Current Financials – see the reports
- Shirley reviewed the estimate of expenses through the end of the year and the possibility of needing to move funds from one line item to another.

Strategic Planning Update (meyerconsulting.org/)

- Molly reminded Board members that our Board Retreat is scheduled for Nov 5th – 9-1
- The Strategic Planning committee met to review a taste of survey results – over 300 responses. The group talked about whether to do wider survey (decided no for now – maybe than can come out of the strategic planning) We don’t have a grasp on doing that kind of outreach – maybe make it part of work plan. We need to take advantage of current momentum and move forward with planning.

- Emily – biggest thing is renters vs. owners -. Also talked about having outreach meeting soon but decided we would have the same people who always show up. Be better spent to do our brainstorming and planning first.
- Molly reviewed some of the survey info
 - Erik – can we see responses before retreat – Molly said yes – she will follow up with Melissa

Project updates:

- **Welcome Committee (Kelly)** - divided up work to collect info about various things – figuring out format for the Welcome Packet
- **SkillShare Events (Kelly)** – canning tomatoes – just her and her neighbor Scott
 - 4 people signed up for fermentation event
 - This wraps up events for this year. Emily – worth looking at in the future? Kelly - would be willing to do them again later.
- **Lake Hiawatha/Minnehaha Creek Water Quality project (Emily)** – see Bob’s report for details. They are trying to finish up. Hamline is looking for volunteers to do the door-to-door – we’re hoping to fund that with our grant dollars. We need to follow-up with people who took the pledge. Proposals for next year are due this Friday, but we are still working on the idea of trying to do something in the schools – Andy helping out – will approach Northrop to see if they are interested. Probably won’t apply this round, but will reapply when the next round opens up in six months. We can apply for a larger amount in the future once since we’ve had an initial grant.
 - Megan – some teachers are really into environmental projects.
- **Dokken Bldg Mural project (Bob)** - got way behind because they’re teens and it was summer. Looking at end of October. Will have some sort of dedication if it makes sense
- **Tree Lighting (Bob)** – Confirmed at A-Tree for 4th We will need volunteers. Will send a postcard – is there something else to get out to split the cost with?
 - Emily could we do a smaller one – maybe just a general one – maybe reminder of happy hours.
- Neighborhood Engagement – Next Happy Hour October 27 at Cardinal – 5-7 -

Other topics

- There was a nice article of SENA’s Strategic Planning, written by Tesha Christensen, in the October *Longfellow/Nokomis messenger*
- RHS Art Crawl on Oct 28 – 5-7
- WRBA Brochure has been updated. Please help distribute them.
- Painted panels from the mural on TransPrints have been removed. We own them? (They are currently in the office.) – What should we do with them? If you have Ideas let Bob know
- Have we heard anything about the golf course? David – it has been eerily silent
- Nathan – there is some discussion from residents about more crosswalks on 42nd - County representative will come to BDT next month. Emily – have ballards been effective? Bob – it is time to talk about that.
- Shirley reported that a resident had called upset over the proposed plan for Sibley Park and the fact that there had been no meetings to talk about it. (There were meetings at Powderhorn, but not at Sibley.) We talked about the recent approval of the South Area master plan and mentioned that RecRequest planning could change the plans in the master plan. David reported that RecRequest CAC has not met in over 8 months and believes we will never see RecRequest plan “A boondoggle of epic proportions”

Adjourn Kelly moved – Megan second – adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Geoman
Bob Kambeitz, staff

Minutes approved, Nov. 14, 2016 Molly McCartney
Molly McCartney, President

Next regular meeting:
December 12, 2016
7:00 p.m. – SENA office

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.

[Organizational letterhead]

Hennepin County Community Works
701 S 4th Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55415

-and-

City of Minneapolis-Community Planning and Economic Development
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[Date]

To whom it may concern:

This is a letter of support for the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County to commission a visioning study for a diagonal greenway and community development project in the Hiawatha Avenue - Minnehaha Avenue corridor to connect the Midtown Greenway and Minnehaha Park / Grand Rounds.

[Statement of organizational interest in the project, as applicable; for example, geographic proximity to the corridor, or interest in a particular element of a visioning study for the corridor such as ~een space, arts, housing, or commercial interests.]

We request consideration of the following in such a visioning study:

- to incorporate the results of previous related planning efforts, such as Minnehaha-Hiawatha Community Works Program Investment Framework, Project #31: "Plan and build a diagonal greenway connecting the Midtown Greenway and Minnehaha Park / Grand Rounds."
- to incorporate existing plans for Hiawatha transit station areas, such as the 38th Street, 46th Street, Hiawatha/Lake, and Nokomis East Station Area Plans.
- to draw on planning ideas from similar greenway projects, including the Atlanta Beltline, New York City Highline, and Minneapolis Midtown Greenway; specifically, an emphasis on local arts and culture, public green space, modern and green watershed elements, and planning to accommodate private business interests that complement development aims.
- to draw on planning ideas from projects elsewhere that have successfully re-purposed industrial buildings similar to those in the Hiawatha-Minnehaha corridor, including silos.
- to present the results of the study in primarily visual form, preferably web-based and interactive, to leverage current technology and encourage participation and understanding among non-technical community audiences.

- to consider pursuing such a study even in the absence of an immediate designated sale date by private property owners (i.e., railway) to establish a vision for the corridor that can be referenced by stakeholders at the appropriate time. Where there are opportunities to designate alternative options that do not depend on private property sales, please consider prioritizing such options.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, [Organizational representative]



Letter of Understanding – November 1, 2016



This is an agreement between the West of the Rail Business Association (WRBA), the Standish Ericsson Neighborhood Association (SENA) and Luke Stultz, independent contractor, for staffing support for the WRBA, a project of SENA.

Under this agreement, Mr. Stultz will provide:

- administrative support for the WRBA
- member recruitment, renewal and ongoing support,
- ongoing maintenance of the WRBA Facebook page and website,
- production of e-newsletter *On Track*,
- coordination, planning and promotion of membership meetings
- planning and supporting member meetings and ongoing member support and communication
- other services for supporting the WRBA as negotiated and agreed upon.

Length of contract: this initial contract period is for one year, November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017, at which time it can be renegotiated. The contract may be modified upon joint agreement or cancelled upon notification by either party with provision for work completed.

Compensation: Mr. Stultz will be compensated at a rate of \$30/hour for a maximum of 10 hours per month. Additional hours may be negotiated in advance if deemed necessary. Mr. Stultz will invoice SENA and include a written update on the status of the WRBA for the SENA Board. SENA will provide compensation for the first \$2,000 expended annually. An additional \$1,600 annually will be provided from WRBA funds. The WRBA will also provide compensation for any additional hours negotiated.

Additional Terms:

- Mr. Stultz is an independent contractor and as such is not eligible for employee benefits or status.
- Financial records will continue to be maintained by SENA at the SENA office.
- Mr. Stultz will work directly with the WRBA Board in planning and coordination of WRBA activities and programs.
- All materials produced by Mr. Stultz under this agreement will remain the property of the WRBA.
- Supplies and materials necessary for the work required will be provided by the WRBA and SENA.

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