

**SNG Board meeting**  
**July 27, 2016**  
**6:30 PM Matthews Park**

**6:33 PM Introductions and guests—Chair: Marne Zafar**

In Attendance: Diann Anders, Ashley Frietag, Peter Fleck, Marne Zafar, Bob Friddle, Trish Kirk, Hannah Epstein, Shell Collins

Guests: Marilyn Matheny,

Staff: Doug Wise, Kate Sheldon

Excused: Tami Traeger

Absent: Laura Murphy

**6:34 New Board Candidates:** Marilyn Matheny and Tariku Belay

Marilyn has an interest in the Community Building Committee and already participates in the History Committee.

**Diann moves that we elect Marilyn to the Board. Peter seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**6:39 Consent Agenda**

- Minutes from May Board Meeting and notes from June board meeting (no quorum)
- **CDC Motions:**
  - Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group recommends the approval of a variance to the Seward Coop Creamery to allow signage above 24 feet and in excess of the total square feet allowable on the north, west and south sides of the chimney at 2601 East Franklin Avenue. Diann Anders moved and Bob Hain seconded. Motion passed.
  - Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) approves the recommendation from SNG's Housing Coordinator to renew its contract with the Center for Energy and Environment to administer SNG's home improvement loan programs for another year and review the contract again during the summer of 2017. Diann Anders moved and Bob Hain seconded. Motion passed.
  - Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) approves the Concept Plan presented by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians to build 115 units of new affordable housing on the Amble Hardware site (2105, 2109, and 2113 Cedar Avenue South, and 1820 22nd Street East, Minneapolis, MN 55404) and supports the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in securing the necessary funding and approvals required for construction of the project. Bob Hain moved and Diann Anders seconded. Motion passed.

**Diann moves that we pass the consent agenda. Trish seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.**

### **6:43 Finance Report**

- June Finance Report

Any questions? Diann states the next developer fees coming from the Seward Towers should be in 2018, she is looking to get a firmer schedule.

### **6:46 Discussion issues & Exec report**

- Open Streets –Volunteers Needed  
History Committee will be there. Board members are needed for volunteering. The table cost is \$50, Nasra will be doing henna, SNG will also have the “chalk town”.
- National Night Out—Volunteers Needed  
If the Board is interested we can go in pairs, go to pre-determined territories for organized outreach. Ashley has prepared a map of potential territories.
- Seward Wednesday Walks—volunteer speakers  
Kerry has developed a small blurb to announce about SNG for Board members who attend the walks.

### **6:57 Public Discussion Issues and Guests**

Cam Gordon’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Report (reporting in July)

The Council is set to approve the funding allocations on August 5th, along with CPP guidelines. Cam states that all external forces seem to be pointing towards a permanent closure of 29th Ave.

### **7:16 Discussion issues & Exec report cont’d.**

- Training Update  
Robert from NCR will facilitate a conversation in September on a weekend, from 2-4 hours on a Saturday. Ashley will send out a doodle to get everyone’s availability coordinated.
- Jessi has stepped down.  
**Diann moves we accept Jessi’s resignation. Bob seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.**
- Seward Towers Night Out July 28 (East)

### **7:29 New Business—Committee Reports**

- Garden Tour/Fundraising Committee  
Made about \$1500, which is \$500 more than last year and got some East African participation! Next year we will ask for desserts from Board members.
- SLRJP  
19 conferences so far. Michele travelled to an international gathering of restorative justice workers.
- History Committee  
Waiting to hear from the UofM Press on the publishing of the History Committee book.
- Carol Greenwood memorial -- talk to Environment committee

**7:37 Staff reports**

- SNG Community Coordinator

**Diann moves that the Board support SNG applying for the Co-op's SEED Program.**

**Ashley seconds. All in favor. Motion passed.**

- Housing

**7:55 Adjourn and clean up**

**Marne moves to adjourn. Bob seconds. All in favor.**