

SNG Board Meeting

April 27th, 2016

Matthews Center

In Attendance: Ashley Freitag, Diann Anders, Bob Friddle, Laura Murphy, Shell Collins, Peter Fleck, Jesse Wuollet, Trish Kirk, Marne Zafar, Hannah Epstein

Staff: Kate Sheldon, Doug Wise

Guests: Marcela Sotela, Kaitlyn Mulhern

Absent: Tami Traeger

Excused: Bruce Johansen (resigned)

7:04 PM

Ashley Freitag calls meeting to order.

Introductions

7:05 Consent Agenda

Minutes from February Board Meeting

Diann moves to approve February Board Minutes. All in favor. Motion passes.

7:07 Public Discussion Issues and Guests

Peter would like to discuss CDC Motion. Motion is pulled from agenda for discussion.

CDC Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group supports the proposed plan for protected bikeways between Riverside Avenue and the Franklin Avenue Bridge, but has concerns about the Riverside/Franklin Avenue intersection. These concerns include:

- o The lack of a safe left turn option for westbound Franklin bicycle traffic at 29th Avenue**
- o Westbound traffic on Franklin turning right onto Riverside rarely yields for bicycles or pedestrians crossing the intersection**
- o Eliminate the right lane on southbound Riverside or remove any possibility for this traffic to turn left onto eastbound Franklin**
- o Install automatic walk signs on green for all of the pedestrian crossings at the intersection.**

A design is coming from Public Works, all discussion from CDC is being passed on to Public Works. That intersection is troubled and in need of some attention. The bike lane is supported by the committee, but needs work.

Trish moves to pass the Motion out of CDC. Bob seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Bruce Johansen has resigned. Ashley would entertain a motion to accept his resignation.

Peter moves to accept Bruce's resignation. Trish seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Abdi Warsame 6th Ward Report

Marcela reports. Hands out information on guidelines for forming Co-ops and information for small business developers who want to start businesses in abandoned buildings.

Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center. For workforce development for youth ages 16-25, focus on East Africans, but no one will be turned away. Teen job and Opportunity Fair, Saturday, April 30. June 1, 2017 Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance goes into effect. EMT training aims to diversify. Landlords are now required to provide voter information to residents. Park Board Funding, final vote on Friday.

7:30 Finance Report

Feb and March Finance report

The Income/Expenses report reflects a \$-21,000 deficit, but in fact it \$24,000 is billable to CPP to be reimbursed. We are doing okay!

7:32 Discussion issues

Board Retreat task updates

o Board training resources—Ashley

Next week Ashley is meeting with NRC staff to customize a training for SNG. Ashley needs ideas for what we want tailored to us. Trish states we could use “Board 101”, what’s a quorum, Robert’s Rules, what it means to be a working Board, how do meetings work etc.,? Additionally Diann would love to see finances and fiduciary responsibilities covered. Marcela suggests coordinating with the city’s Somali representative or Abdi Ali. Diann suggests Nasra as well and separate cultural training from “Board 101” in order to become experts.

o Board Job descriptions—Laura

Diann would add "prepare for and participate in meetings". We can add this "job description" to the website. Shell suggests we add hours per month. An average of 5-10 hours per month. Marcela suggests that a potential perk to being on the Board is the influence Board members could have on city decisions. Laura will report back in May.

o Board Mentoring—Tami (Tami not in attendance--May?)

o Talking Points—Trish

What is the essence of SNG? Trish is willing to wordsmith those talking points, but does not think we are ready as an organization quite yet. Ashley has pushed this bullet point back to be discussed in June.

o SNG Current outputs -- comprehensive report –Diann

Diann explains the list that Kerry and Diann had created listing the SNG Mission Areas for clarification. SNG can start from this list to determine our mission, Trish asks “What are we here to DO?”. Robert can come to meetings with SNG to help create a strategic plan. Executive Committee will meet further to determine how to have a structured conversation.

8:14 PM Staff reports

SNG Community Coordinator—Housing insert discussion

Housing

Marne suggests banding together with other neighborhoods such as Phillips, Ventura Village, Longfellow etc. More research needs to be done re:how they are funded, and Doug will report in May.

8:34 New Business

SLRJP

Received 3 requests from agencies who serve homeless youth to demonstrate Circles. SLRJP hosted a one-day workshop.

History Committee

Would like Board okay SNG to buy a \$90 portable PA system. This would be used for Wednesday walks and also could be used at the Lighting Ceremony of the Winter Frolic. Board needs to approve this expenditure since it is not in the budget.

Trish moves to approve the purchase of a portable PA. Jesse seconds. All in favor.

Motion passes.

Community Building

Mosque visits lined up, as well as the visit to the Somali museum. SNG needs help connecting to East African community on Facebook. Laura states that it requires a targeted post, which costs money, and allows you to reach people through selecting their interests, age, etc. \$20-\$50 cost. We can talk to Nasra about East African interests and also communicate with them directly as well Peter suggests. Marcela suggests SNG look into KFAI, which has a Somali radio show, and Oromia TV goes out to the Oromo community as well.

8:43

Laura moves to adjourn.

Adjourn and clean up