

**SNG Board meeting
December 9, 2015
SNG office**

6:30 PM Dinner and Social

7:15 PM Introductions and guests

In attendance: Tami Traeger, Diann Anders, Bob Friddle, Angie Haeg, Marne Zafar, Shell Collins, Peter Fleck, Trish Kirk, Laura Murphy, Ben Walen, Hannah Epstein, Ashley Frietag, Bruce Johansen

Staff: Doug Wise, Kerry Cashman, Kate Sheldon

Guests: Alexis T. , Mike Trdan, Wendy Epstein

Absent: Tariku Belay, Jessie Wuollet

7:20 Consent Agenda

- Minutes from October Board Meeting

Marne moves. Angie seconds. All in favor.

7:25 Public Discussion Issues and Guests

CDC:

November 10, 2015

Motion: The SNG Community Development Committee supports the issuance of a liquor license to the Lawless Distillery for a cocktail lounge.

Discussion:

Wendy Epstein: Wendy thinks neighbors were not properly notified of the Lawless Distillery. A cocktail lounge is quite a different use for the space, potential for high volume of traffic.

Hannah Epstein: Worried about traffic concerns and safety.

Doug: The city will hold a public hearing, and people will be notified 350' from the property.

Ben: It is already an operational distillery, so they are adding a tasting room/cocktail lounge.

They have leased the space for a year now, and started distilling in June.

Diann: It's perfectly acceptable that SNG takes no action on this.

Diann moves that SNG table the motion and make no public position. Hannah seconds. 3 no's. 1 abstain. The ayes have it. Issues tabled for now.

Bob asks CDC to align policy with the city's policy--flyer-ing within 350 feet.

Motion: The SNG Community Development Committee supports the issuance of a liquor license to the Encore Karaoke and Sushi Lounge.

Kerry: Did anyone notify for this license?

Marne: No

Doug: The historical use of the building involved liquor license.

All in favor. Motion passed.

December 8, 2015

Motion: The SNG Community Development Committee supports the city's application for Federal funding to construct bikeways on 24th Avenue and 29th Street and asks that the city Public Works Department to come back to the committee for review of the plans if the project is funded.

All in favor. Motion passed. Tami abstains.

7:58pm Executive Report and Discussion issues

- Taste of Seward review

Tami: The bylaws state that we need to make a presentation about finances. Do we need to change the bylaws?

Laura: Filling out a sheet of paper, and then filling out another form seems cumbersome. We should change that in the bylaws as well.

Diann: It seems that there's a lot of work to be done on the bylaws, a review would be great. Taste of Seward had so much energy, people stayed longer and talked to each other much longer than in the past--big success.

Bob: The website makes information more readily available.

Alexis: Suggests incentive as a Bingo card to get people circulating around information tables.

- Conflict of Interest Form
- Board Donations

Please make any amount of contribution. It is very helpful for grant-writing

- Taco Bell Triangle

26th of January, Sheldon Mains will hold a meeting about the intersection near the Taco Bell. The triangle will be vacated and neighbors can meet to decide what to do with that empty space.

- 2016 Elections

Ben and Angie are leaving the Board. There is a need for elections this evening as the two co-presidents are leaving. 5 person Executive Committee. Ashley Freitag is interested in a presidential seat.

Bob moves that SNG open the table for an election, if any seats remain they can be filled next meeting. Trish seconds.

Ashley for co-President.

Marne for co-President.

Diann for Treasurer.

Trish for Secretary.

Bob for at-large.

All 2016 Board members. All in favor.

**Bylaws note for 2 at-large seats. Make note to change and lookover bylaws.

Trish motions for Executive session during Budget. Marne seconds. All in favor.

8:27 Environment Committee

Alexis: Planning retreat. Trying to engage new interest in the committee. 4 meetings outside of the planning retreat in January. What are the options going forward? There has been a lack of response to the EC even though they have pushed for engagement. Does the Environment Committee have any requirements within the Bylaws?

Diann: No, though sustainability is mentioned in the Strategic Plan.

Marne: Maybe Environment could fold into CDC just as Finance has folded into Executive?

Diann: Maybe there's another way we could do the work...

Alexis: Meet less frequently? Address topics as needed? Suspend committee and ad hoc going forward?

Mike: Discussion issue for January committee meeting.

Kerry: Possibly Environment could partner with Community Building or Events?

Trish: The small organization may be spread too thin considering all of SNG's ambitions.

*****Beginning of next agenda talk about Strategic Plan**

8:50 Staff reports

- SNG Community Coordinator
- Housing

8:52 Executive Session: Budget Review

Adjourn and clean up