

**SNG Board meeting
Feb 24
7PM Matthews Park**

7:03 PM Introductions and guests

In attendance: Tami Traeger, Marne Zafar, Jessi Wuollet, Diann Anders, Laura Murphy, Shell Collins, Hannah Epstein, Ashley Frietag, Bob Friddle, Peter Fleck

Staff: Kate Sheldon, Doug Wise

Guests: Sheldon Mains, Mike Isensee

Excused: Bruce Johansen, Trish Kirk

Absent: Tariku Belay

7:05 Consent Agenda

- Minutes from January Board Meeting
- CDC Motions:

1. Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group would like to thank Bob Byers, Kristy Morter, and Kelley Yemen of Hennepin County Public Works and Allan Klugman Mackenzie Turner Borgen of Minneapolis Public Works for attending an unbelievable number of meeting with various stakeholders and the public for this project and Bob and Kelley specifically for also spending two Sundays at the Franklin Avenue Open Street to get public comments. Sheldon Mains moved and Diann Anders seconded. Robin Garwood abstained. Motion passed.

2. Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) recommends approval the proposed improvements to and around the Franklin/Cedar/Minnehaha Avenue intersection as shown on the Hennepin County Concept Plan presented to the Community Development Committee on February 9, 2016. The SNG further recommends the following components be in the project when built:

- **Stop signs on 21st, 22nd and 23rd Avenues at 22nd Street are turned or added so that the Avenues must stop at 22nd Street.**
- **Add temporary curb bump-outs using plastic bollards at 21st and Minnehaha, 21st and 22nd Street, 21st and Franklin, 22nd and 24th Street, 22nd and 22nd Street and 22nd Street and Franklin.**
- **Convert “old 20th Avenue north of Franklin and South 9th Street between 20th and 21st Avenues to two way**
- **Traffic counts on all the streets and avenues around the intersection prior to the project (including old 20th Avenue, South 9th Street, 21st, 22nd and 23rd Avenues south of Franklin, 24th Street east of Minnehaha, 22nd Street east and west of Minnehaha).**
- **Monitor traffic on and performance of new 22nd Street, 21st Avenue and 22nd Avenue.**
- **The curb radiuses are increased on 22nd Street at Cedar**

- Add painted crosswalks on 22nd Street at Cedar and on Minnehaha at Franklin and at 22nd Street
- Very good way-finding signs for directing traffic to southbound Minnehaha from Franklin and Cedar and to Franklin and Cedar from northbound Minnehaha.
- Significantly reduce the two-lane portion (even during rush hour) of Franklin west of Cedar.
- Limit bus storage on Franklin at the LRT station to 100 feet on each side.
- Curb bump-outs at the pedestrian crossing at the LRT station.
- Include the modification of Minnehaha at Franklin to reduce pedestrian crossing distance and have Minnehaha enter Franklin at 90 degrees
- Shorten the two-lane portion of west-bound Franklin to eliminate the “double threat” for pedestrians at Minnehaha and old 20th.

The SNG also recommends Hennepin County and the city of Minneapolis pursue the following longer-term projects:

- Consider yellow flashing pedestrian crossing lights at the Franklin LRT crosswalk
- Add a protected bikeway, above the curb on the east side of Cedar between Franklin and 22nd Street.
- Tabling the intersection of Minnehaha at Franklin for the bike crossing to the combined bike/pedestrian facility south of Franklin between Cedar and Minnehaha.
- Enlarge the median at Minnehaha on Franklin to provide “safe refuge” for pedestrians.
- Re-construct 21st Avenue at Minnehaha to make the intersection 90 degrees, creating a dogleg on 21st Avenue.
- Permanent curb bump-outs on 21st and 22nd Avenues.

3. Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group recommends the granting of a Variance to the StoneArch Group for the setback from 23rd Avenue to allow for the construction of a new house on the reverse corner lot located at 2301 East 24th Street. Diann Anders moved and Kathy Sikora seconded. Robin Garwood abstained. Motion passed.

4. Motion: The Community Development Committee (CDC) recommends that the Seward Neighborhood Group adopt the following notification policy for CDC meetings:

**SNG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Notification Policy**

For all items of neighborhood concern on the agenda of the SNG Community Development Committee (CDC) staff will provide the following notifications:

- The agenda will be sent to the CDC email list (approximately 700 people).
- The CDC agenda will be posted on the Seward Neighborhood E-Democracy Forum.
- The CDC staff will post individual agenda items of neighborhood concern on the Seward Neighborhood E-Democracy Forum.

· The CDC staff will notify Block Club Leaders for the block and adjacent blocks about items of interest on the CDC agenda.

· The CDC staff will encourage applicants seeking city approval(s)* to contact neighbors within 600 feet of the proposed project.

Diann moves to pass the rest of the consent agenda. Ashley seconds. All in favor.

Bob moves to pull item 2 from the Consent Agenda. Tami seconds.

Tami moves to consider item 2. Bob seconds.

Sheldon has a map and display and describes the Minnehaha intersection plans to interested parties. Diann feels that it is a step in the right direction and feels it is a sincere commitment from the county to monitor the progress and there will be follow up. Tami was also impressed with the county showing up and being willing to work with people and invest in coming up with a solution that the neighborhood would support.

7:15 Executive Report and Discussion issues

- **Strategic Planning review and 2016 Goals discussion**

- Board Retreat update and scheduling

Saturday, March 19th 9am-2pm (8 people available) or Sunday, March 20th 12pm-5pm (9 people listed as available)

Ashley will re-send document re:Strategic Plan. Hopefully someone from NCR will be able to facilitate.

- Pass Annual Report for the Neighborhoods and Community Relations Dept of Minneapolis (see emailed report)

Edits to make:

Peter F. makes notes to refers to e-democracy as “E-democracy Neighbors Forum”, also would like to include Open Streets in the highlights. Diann would like refinance of the Seward Towers to be included on the major highlights as well. Peter would also like to see SPOKES changed to “Cycles for Change” or removed entirely. Add refinance of Seward Towers to Q48. Add sentence about modifying flyer policy for 2016 (Q10).

Diann moves we adopt the NCR Annual Report report with edits made. Tami seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion item, Motion 2 from CDC. (See Diann’s motion at 7:52pm)

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January numbers are back, we are doing well, any questions? Mike: How is the neighborhood funded? Diann explains NRP, contract to do Community Facilitation at the Seward Towers, McKnight and individual donations. NRP and McKnight money is going away, so we need to strategize. Additionally, Diann is working as the city is asking for plans on how SNG will spend down NRP money.

7:37 Staff reports

- SNG Community Coordinator

Shell speaks to the Garage Sale and whether or not SNG will have a garage sale table. SNG will not, as it's not worth it. Shell does talk about the Garden Tour on Thursday, July 14th from 6-8pm so mark your calendars. Also a new idea is House Tours in the Fall on years without King's Fair.

- Housing

A lot of interest and continue to have activity in the Home Loan programs. Home energy audits, another \$1,800 available to spend. Southside Housing Fair April 16th at the YWCA. Doug went to a meeting re:Lake Street Energy Challenge. Going to look at community solar as an issue.

8:15 New Business and Committee Reports

Profile

Coming out soon! A lot of neighborhood news. Has gone to print, will go to the post office next week.

Environment Committee

Tami reports. Meetings for 2016 are in the calendar. It is a little more pared down. They are trying to focus each meeting with more time on one idea. ****check for dates online, ask Alexis****

7:52 Diann moves approval of Motion 2 and asks procedural question. Tami seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Franklin Bridge closing speculation.
Save the date for Open Streets August 21st.

7:58 SLRJP Update

Sweethearts and Spirits Fundraiser this Friday! Zipp's Tasting

8:00 Bob gives an update on city news in lieu of Council Members report. Roof Depot property is expected to be approved this Friday. The city needs to rejuvenate its water meter site and hopes to move it to the Roof Depot site as expansion of the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility. The city is pursuing LEED Gold certification. Impound Lot improvements, soliciting proposals from design firms.

Towers Update

Nasra is back in action and participated in a round table about building bridges. Construction has officially begun. They are replacing pipes and risers in apartments, residents are moved out.

8:06 Bob moves we adjourn. Laura seconds. Adjourn and clean up.