

**SNG Board meeting
June 24, 2015
Matthews Center**

6:35pm Introductions

Diann calls the meeting to order.

In Attendance: Marne Zafar, Diann Anders, Tami Traeger, Ashley Fairbanks, Tom Schmidt, Bob Friddle, Peter Fleck, Tariku Belay, Bruce Johansen, Hannah Epstein, Peter Truax, Ashley Frietag

Excused: Angie Haeg, Ben Walen

Staff: Doug Wise, Kate Sheldon

Guests: Chuck Levin, Lynn Brofman, Peter VonSien, Valerie Olson, Steven Seitzer, Dan White from MAHA, Cam Gordon, and Barry Rogers-auditor

6:37pm Consent Agenda

Minutes from March and April Board Meeting

Community Building Motion

Motion: The Community Building Committee moves that SNG contract with Ayana Translation Service to translate pages 1 & 2 of the Welcome Packet into Somali and Oromo. Peter F moves to pass consent agenda. Marne seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

6:38pm – 6:56 pm 2014 Audit, Barry Rogers presents

BWK performs audits for neighborhood groups in Minneapolis. SNG's financial statements are found to be accurate, a "Clean Opinion", which is good news.

Diann notes while we are on Financial issues that we have hired Lotts Accounting as our regular accountants to get our financials up-to-date and maintain them from now on.

Bob moves that the Board accept the audit report. Marne seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Public Discussion Issues and Guests

6:57pm - 7:30pm MAHA Board and Neighborhood Guests regarding the Chocolate Factory

Chuck gives background information on the Milwaukee Avenue Housing Association. The purpose of the Association is to protect homeowners' enjoyment and secure property values. Peter V. tells the group about the frequency of sound coming from the Chocolate factory and how it is negatively affecting him individually and the neighborhood. Peter V. has spoken to the owner of the business who is taking steps to direct sound elsewhere, in addition to muffling sound. Valerie is concerned that the quality of life of neighbors is being impeded in such a way as to affect physical health. She also points out that Tracy's sounds has also amplified and changed as of recently.

Diann suggests that if we all get together in a meeting, with business owners and the proper city officials, we can make something happen. Doug will send Sanjahay of Tracy's and the Chocolate factory owner inviting them to the CDC meeting on July 14th.

7:31pm Cam Gordon's 2nd Ward Report

Cam suggests speaking to noise inspectors who can come out and measure the sound coming from Tracy's and the chocolate factory.

Cam goes into discussing the history and future of the Tri-State Bearing building. Cam is leaning towards the retaining the R1 zoning because of neighbor concern and the fact the C1 zoning could increase the property value leading the owners to flip the property.

An ordinance has been passed to restrict the sale of flavored tobacco to adult-only tobacco shops. Cam is also working on a plastic bag ban for the city.

7:46pm Dinkytown Historic District

Ashley Fairbanks makes a motion to support. Marne seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

7:47pm

Executive Report and Discussion issues

Motion from CDC was voted down by Executive:

The SNG Community Development Committee recommends the rezoning from R-1 to C-1 of the former Tri-State Bearing building at 3414 East 25th Street be denied by the city of Minneapolis.

Motion Passed by Executive:

The Seward Neighborhood Group Executive Committee recommends the rezoning from R-1 to C-1 of the former Tri-State Bearing building at 3414 East 25th Street by the city of Minneapolis.

7:49 PM SNG Community Coordinator report

Open Streets

Ashley Fairbanks is already on the planning committee and would love to represent SNG at Franklin Open Streets meetings. Peter Fleck and Bob Friddle are interested in volunteering/tabling that day.

Ashley Fairbanks would like to find out if there is any budget for community engagement tools through Springboard for the Arts for Open Streets, King's Fair, etc.

7:50 Committees and Projects Announcements

Community Building-Diann Anders

Tami is interested in volunteering during National Night Out to introduce herself as a part of SNG and remind people about Open Streets and King's Fair.

7:55pm

Marne moves to adjourn. Tom seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.