

**SNG Board meeting
March 23
7PM Matthews Park**

7:04 PM Introductions and guests

Marne chairs.

In attendance: Marne Zafar, Diann Anders, Laura Murphy, Tami Traeger, Hannah Epstein, Ashley Freitag, Bob Friddle, Bruce Johansen, Peter Fleck

Staff: Kate Sheldon, Doug Wise

Guests: Michele Braley

Excused: Trish Kirk

Absent: Shell Collins, Jesse Wuollet

7:05 Consent Agenda

- Minutes from February Board Meeting

CDC Motions:

- **Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group send a letter to the Inspections Department thanking them for their response and willingness to meet with the committee.** Sheldon Mains moved and Ken Webb seconded. Robin Garwood abstained. Motion passed.
- **Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group accepts the Inspection Department's offer to hold an education class for landlords in the Seward Neighborhood and work with the Department to schedule the class.** Liza Lawrence moved and Ken Webb seconded. Robin Garwood abstained. Motion passed.

Bob moves to approve the consent agenda. Diann seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

7:07 Public Discussion Issues and Guests

a) Michele Braley, Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice Partnership

Michele gives updates from this past year and a briefing on SLRJP's function. Created in 2004, SNG serves as a fiscal sponsor for SLRJP. Most of the kids in the program have been arrested and are referred to SLRJP by the court/police system, some voluntary referrals. Trained facilitators, victims/indirect victims, and family are invited to conference with the young person who has acted in a way that caused harm. Apologies, volunteer work, internships, jobs, graduation projects put the young people on a better path. Abdi Ali works with Somali youth. Funded by the county, foundations, and individuals.

7:16 Discussion issues

- **NRP Status Report and plan for remaining funds use**

City has adopted policy that wants NRP money spent down. Diann has drafted a letter of response to the city citing the budget anticipating \$20,507.95 in NRP Phase II Expenditures. Diann asks for approval for the letter to be sent to the city.

Ashley moves to approve sending the letter. Bob seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

- **Board Retreat Report**

Ashley reads off notes from the retreat. Top three ideas:

1. Creating Board roles/Job descriptions by April Board meeting
2. Board training (Tami and Kerry), identify resources and training (Ashley)
3. Create an elevator speech and talking points (Trish)

It was also agreed that the Exec committee should look into and make plans for the financial future of SNG.

Tami speaks to Board mentorship in order to keep Board members around for longer. Have a plan for mentoring new Board members. What do we want to do to help foster new Board members? Diann mentions it's important to nurture all Board members, so we can learn to foster diversity.

7:42 Public Discussion Issues and Guests (cont'd)

b) Cam Gordon's 2nd Ward Report

Highlights:

- Bring your own Bag Ordinance, committee moved to recommend its adoption by the full Council on April 1.
- Park Board funding

8:07 Finance Report

- 990

Diann reviews 990 and needs Board approval.

Bob moves to approve the 990. Laura seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

- **Hub of Heaven**

Three year lease with the City of Minneapolis, \$1/year.

Tami moves that we enter into a lease with the City of Minneapolis for the Hub of Heaven for three years. Ashley seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

8:13 PM Staff reports

- SNG Community Coordinator

Marne reviews Kerry's report. Clean-up on the Saturday April 16th 10am-Noon.

- Housing

Housing Inspection questions and frustrations have quieted down. They are increasing training for new inspectors for people skills and making judgements based in what is realistic and achievable. Inspections offered to host a workshop here for property owners.

April 16th is the South Minneapolis Housing Fair. Doug invites two Board members to volunteer with him. Marne will take the morning shift. Diann will ask Rudi.

Doug out of office April 6th-11th

8:20 New Business and Committee Reports

Community Building

Bob reports. The committee met at Nasra's house. The committee would like to take a visit to the Somali museum, getting people who work with textiles south of Franklin to come to tea at the Towers sewing circle. Informal language learning. Kerry investigating movies at the park on Sunday. Focus on bringing people INTO the Towers. Next meeting April 7th(first Thursday) at Nasra's apartment in the East Towers.

Environment Committee

Tami reports. Tami attended the Lake Street Energy challenge meeting where they were updated on the clean energy partnership with the city. Community Solar provider panels at Open Streets??

Announcement

Community Connections Conference next Saturday. Classes and tabling to learn about resources. April 2nd, 8:30am-3pm.

8:36 Diann moves to adjourn. Laura seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.