

**SNG Board Meeting**  
**May 25, 2016**

**7:04 PM**

Introductions and guest—Chair: Diann Anders

In Attendance: Diann Anders, Laura Murphy, Hannah Epstein, Bob Friddle, Shell Collins, Trish Kirk

Excused: Tami Traeger, Marne Zafar, Ashley Frietag, Peter Fleck

Absent: Jessi Wuollet

Staff: Doug Wise, Kate Sheldon

Guests: Cam Gordon

Diann calls meeting to order.

**7:05 Public Discussion Issues and Guests**

Cam Gordon's 2nd Ward Report

- Cedar/Franklin/Minnehaha intersection design has been approved, however, bids for the project were very high and so the city will have to wait until next year.
- 29th Avenue closure may be replaced with some other solution. We will be receiving a grant turn 29th into a bicycle boulevard. This issue is on the agenda for the upcoming CDC meeting.
- Intentional communities ordinance: A community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31 from 6-8:30pm at the Central Library's Doty Boardroom.

**7:30 Consent Agenda (waited for quorum)**

Minutes from April Board Meeting

New insurance policy with large cost increase

**Bob moves to pass the consent agenda. Trish seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

(CDC Motion pulled from consent agenda for discussion)

**7:32 Discussion Issues**

CDC Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group supports the concept design for the new pedestrian/bicycle bridge over I-94 to be located at 22nd Avenue. Matthew Hendricks moved and Fred Kreider seconded. Robin Garwood abstained. Motion passed. (pulled from consent agenda)

Doug explains plans to the Board. Cam mentions that the landbridge idea does not have to disappear, of course it is more expensive but we can still push for it. We can also push for a wider bridge.

**Laura moves. Bob seconds. All in favor. Trish abstains. Motion passes.**

**7:40 Finance Report**

April Finance Report

Diann passes around the Budget.

Any budget for Open Streets? Laura asks what in particular Kerry has in mind, and would like to see line items to create a budget.

### **7:59 Discussion issues & Exec Report**

Executive Action: Passed CDC Motion below: This needed to be acted on prior to board meeting.

Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group recommends approval of the following Conditional Use Permits and variances by City of Minneapolis needed to build Seward Commons, Phase III:

1. Conditional Use Permit to allow a multifamily residential building in the Industrial Living Overlay District
2. Conditional Use Permit for a 5 story building
3. Variance for building setback from Snelling Avenue, Cedar Avenue and 22nd Street to allow a setback greater than 8 feet
4. Variance for an increased building setback from west property line to treat the LRT trail as a second frontage
5. Variance to reduce the required side yard between Phase III and the Cooperage to the south to allow a new electric
6. Variances for sign height on the west façade of the building, and
7. Approval of the project's proposal to dedicate 10% of the property to the Minneapolis Park Board to facilitate the new transformer public, ADA accessible, paved bicycle/pedestrian connection through the development to the Hiawatha Bicycle and Pedestrian Path and the LRT station, with a width of 12 feet.

Matthew Hendricks moved and Fred Kreider seconded. Robin Garwood, Andy Hestness and Renee Spillum abstained. Motion passed.

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (our district needs an applicant see guidebook in board packet). We are district 8.

Each neighborhood appoints an elector who meets on June 16th at 6:30.

The Executive Committee will appoint an elector at a separate date.

Request for funds from Midtown Greenway

The Board requests more budget information before making a decision on the amount to donate. The Board feels positively about supporting the Greenway, but want to check in on the budget and is hesitant in giving \$500, despite the good cause. The Greenway does support community connections and the neighborhood. The Board will defer to the Executive Committee.

Complaint letter from a garage sale registrant

Laura suggests to preempt these miscommunications i.e.: "Do you also know how to register?" and make the registration steps crystal clear. We will send a check and letter.

Board Retreat task updates

o Board training resources—Ashley

Working with NCR staff. Would like to learn: Procedures, terms, Robert's Rules, Board Member expectations, Fiduciary responsibilities, how to be a working Board. What is a staff choice and what is a Board choice? What does a Board look like without an Executive Director? How does the Board help to support fundraising? Training in the Fall to ensure attendance--early September.

o Board Job descriptions—Laura

Laura goes through Board responsibilities she has written and prepared. One thing to add is “helps with fundraising”. The Board thinks they look great and we can finalize them.

o Board Mentoring—Tami

(next time)

o Talking Points—Trish

### **8:35- 8:40 Community Building: Bob Friddle**

Somali Museum

Iftar at Bethany Lutheran June 29

Seward Towers Night Out July 20 (west) July 28 (east)

### **8:40 – 8:50 Staff reports**

\*\*Laura would like to boost ad on Facebook for Board volunteers

Housing Report:

Last night was a workshop for Landlords at Matthews, about 15 people showed up. Went really well and at the end of the pilot program they saved time for feedback.

Coordinator Report:

Note to Kerry: With enough notice, Bob can probably take on the garage sale map responsibility  
SLRJP:

Hannah reports that at the last Exec Committee meeting did a review of Abdi Ali. They will continue on.

**8:56 Laura moves to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned**