

**SNG Board meeting
August 26, 2015
Matthews Center**

6:36 PM Introductions

In Attendance: Marne Zafar, Ben Walen, Hannah Epstein, Bob Friddle, Tami Traeger, Ashley Freitag, Peter Fleck

Guests: Laura Murphy, Trisha Kirk

Staff: Kate Sheldon, Doug Wise

Excused: Tariku Belay, Bruce Johansen, Angie Haeg, Diann Anders

Absent: Ashley Fairbanks, Peter Truax

6:40 Consent Agenda

Marne moves to approve agenda. Bob seconds. Agenda approved. All in favor.

Motion passed.

- **Minutes from July Board Meeting**
- **CDC Motions:**

1. The SNG Community Development Committee recommends approval of a Change of Nonconforming Use for the former Tri-State Bearing building at 3414 East 25th Street to allow a daycare center. Bob Hain moved and Ken Webb seconded. Motion passed. Robin Garwood abstained.

2. The SNG Community Development Committee supports the permanent closure of 29th Avenue crossing over the Midtown Greenway. Matthew Hendricks moved and Bob Hain seconded. Motion passed. Robin Garwood abstained.

3. The SNG Community Development Committee recommends that the temporary closure of 29th Avenue crossing over the Midtown Greenway stay in place until the permanent closure can be constructed for consistency and the safety of children traveling to school. Sheldon Mains moved and Bob Hain seconded. Motion passed. Robin Garwood abstained.

- **Environment Committee Motion:**

1. Motion: The SNG Environment Committee recommends that SNG participate in the Lake Street Energy Challenge and approve the attached resolution in support of the of the program.

Bob moves we approve July Board meeting minutes and CDC Motion 1. Tami seconds. All in favor.

Consent Agenda Discussion

CDC Motion 2 and Motion 3:

Bob is interested in how much community involvement there was at the CDC meeting and is leery about moving this closure too fast. He'd like to hear more about community support. Doug speaks to Motion 2. People during the temporary closure of 29th could call 311 with comments. By and large the majority of comments were positive. Ultimately it is the city's decision. Motion 3 seems highly unlikely as the city wants 29th open over the winter, permanent closure scheduled for the spring, but we can recommend temporary closure through the spring.

CDC Motion 2: All in favor of supporting the permanent closure of 29th Avenue crossing over the Midtown Greenway. Motion passes.

CDC Motion 3: All in favor of recommending that the temporary closure of 29th Avenue crossing over the Midtown Greenway stay in place until the permanent closure can be constructed for consistency and the safety of children traveling to school. Motion passes.

Environment Committee Motion 1:

Lake Street Energy Challenge. Ashley is wondering if this will overwhelm staff, where will the resources come from? Doug says that SNG will have access to interns and help in promotions and does not see it as a stretch of our resources. A lot of what Doug and SNG does already fits within the energy challenge, especially because it is so vague and broad. Tami: How are they measuring? Doug: It's measured in energy use. Tami is concerned about Xcel's use of data. Doug states that there will be no more data used than there otherwise would be. SNG will be holding a community meeting on October 8th. Trish says that this sounds like a PR effort by Xcel, and Ben agrees that yes, it seems that it is looking to broaden their reach through neighborhood groups.

Environment Committee Motion 1: All in favor of The SNG Environment Committee recommends that SNG participate in the Lake Street Energy Challenge and approve the attached resolution in support of the of the program. Motion passes.

7:04 Public Discussion Issues and Guests

Trisha Kirk

If elected would serve until Annual Meeting and then would run again for a two-year term. Has been in Seward for 13 years. Been with Guthrie for 30 years. Degree in political science. Marketing Director at a non-profit. Interested in the SNG Board, really loves the neighborhood and would like to contribute and be involved. MPLS Downtown Council, works a lot with the Board of the Guthrie.

Board expectations include: monthly meeting, Annual meeting 12-16 members, 5 person Executive Committee, Board serves as Personnel.....performance reviews..., officer elected in January, participation in one or more committees. Trish is interested in joining Board.

Bob nominates Trish. Marne seconds. All in favor. Welcome Trish to the SNG Board!

Laura Murphy

Started volunteering with the Seward Arts committee and King's Fair. She is just sitting in this time, and will come back next month.

7:21 Executive Report and Discussion issues

Finance committee meeting September 16th. New accountants--Lotts. Diann, Kerry, and Nasra are looking for a temporary Interim Towers Community Facilitator. McKinght will not fund SNG after 2016, meaning SNG will need to activate fundraising in order to fill the gap. An active fundraising committee can research and apply for grants, look into what other neighborhood groups do, finding creative solutions.

7:40 Staff reports

- SNG Community Coordinator
 - Kings Fair sign up
- Housing
 - \$92,000 coming back in! Not in place yet, must wait for the city--could be October.

7:43 Committee and Projects Announcements

-Common Ground Music Festival is coming up September 19th, the same day as King's Fair.

-SNG will discuss responses from Chalk Town from Open Streets and King's Fair at the next Board meeting.

-Need to start advertising Seward Spread Joy Fund

Community Building Committee: Ashley has connections for translators. Cooking class as fundraiser?

SLRJP: 19 conferences as of 7 Somali, 3 Spanish. School resource officers will get a training on Restorative Justice. Mayor Hodges budget increases funding for Restorative Justice.

7:57 Marne moves to adjourn. Bob seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.