

SNG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 26, 2018

Board Members Present: Marne Zafar (chair), Diann Anders (scribe), Daniel Handeen, Peter Fleck, Alexis Troschinetz

Board Members Excused: Julie Madden, Lisa Boehlke, Garrett Peterson

Board Members Absent: Mohamud Farah, Omar Mohamed

Others: Doug Wise, Karen Moe (NCR), Mike Wilson (auditor)

Welcome and Introductions

Diann asked that the board to table the August minutes because they need revision. She asked board members to review the draft minutes and pass along any revisions. Because there was no quorum no formal action should be taken.

Neighborhood and Community Relations

Karen Moe from NCR asked everyone to complete an engagement survey while she explained the work of NCR. Karen will follow up with Kerry to make sure all current board members complete the survey. Seward's Neighborhood Specialist has left and Karen along with Bob Cooper is temporarily responsible for Seward.

Karen talked about the City's Blueprint for Equitable Engagement. Alex asked if SNG should be raising concern in the neighborhood about the fact that City funding for neighborhoods may be in jeopardy after 2020. Karen suggested that a fruitful time for the board to engage the neighborhood would be when reports are released from the Neighborhood 2020 committees early next year.

Mike Wilson talked with the board about the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit that was completed this summer. The City sees SNG as a low risk organization; consequently, the audit was an agreed upon procedures audit rather than a full financial audit. Mike went over the findings. Diann explained SNG's responses. Mike noted that SNG has no marks against it on its contracts with the City (NRP and CPP).

Executive Committee and Discussion Items

- **Staffing report**

Sam Graff has been hired as the new half-time Community Organizer. He will begin work early next month when Kerry is back from vacation. Diann, Marne and Kerry interviewed 4 candidates for this position

Kerry Cashman will be the 10 hour/week Executive Director. She will continue working 20 hours/week for the month of October to train in Sam and learn the ED role. Marne and Lisa interviewed a second candidate for this position.

- **Creation of an adhoc nominations committee**

Alexis volunteered to work on Nominations. She and Kerry will recruit another nominations person.

- **SLRJP update**

Alexis reported that SLRJ has found a lawyer to work on getting their 501(c3) status. Diann voiced a strong objection to SNG's signing a 3-year lease for SLRJP.

- **Discussion of future priorities—future planning**

Tabled to the next meeting.

2nd Ward Report – Cam Gordon

City Council has voted to accept the Red Lake Chippewa's offer to host a Navigation Center for the homeless encampment at their site, formerly the Ambler site between Cedar and Hiawatha. The City is now working with its partners to get the Center open as soon as possible. Since that may be December, the issue of providing heat at the current encampment is being explored.

A new release of the 2040 City Comprehensive Plan should be out soon. Cam hopes to hold a public information/input meeting after the release.

Financials: Diann Anders

SNG is currently in a good financial position. Diann will check into the actual amount SLRJP is paying for rent and utilities so that Michelle can have accurate figures for planning their move.

Litter Be Gone Clean Up – Alexis asked if the SNG logo can be used by a Block Club leader (Becky Alpers) on 26th to do a clean up. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

River Gorge CAC Alexis Troschinetz

The Mississippi River Gorge planning is still underway. The results of their community engagement process have produced two sets of plans, one showing the dams removed and one showing the dams remaining in place from Bohemian flats to Longfellow flats. The plans include ideas for physical structures as well as possible themes and interpretive features. The group suggested posting links on the website/E-democracy/Face Book.

Meeting ended at 9 p.m.