

**SNG Board Meeting  
October 24, 2018  
Approved Minutes**

**7:00 PM** Welcome and Introductions

**Board Members:** Marne Zafar, Julie Madden, Daniel Handeen, Garret Peterson, Peter Fleck, Alexis Troschinetz, Diann Anders

**Excused:** Lisa Boehlke, Omar Mohamed, Mohamed Farah

**Guest:** Heather Bray

**Staff:** Doug Wise, Kerry Cashman, Liza Davitch

**7:05 PM** Diann moves to approve August and September minutes. Garret seconds. All in favor.

**7:10** Guest, Heather Bray from Southwest Business Association, and co-owner of Low Bro restaurant, speaks about the YES ON 1 MPLS vote. YES ON 1 MPLS is a ballot initiative for voters who live in the City of Minneapolis. A “yes” vote means that Minneapolis residents choose to eliminate outdated regulations that make it expensive and cumbersome for a local restaurant to obtain a license to serve liquor. Lifting the old regulation means leveling the playing field for all neighborhood restaurants, and as a result, providing more choices for diners.

Diann makes a motion that SNG supports the YES ON 1 MPLS vote. Peter seconds. All in favor.

**7:25** **Executive and discussion**

- Staffing report: The new Community Organizer, Sam Graf has started and us working 20 hours per week. Kerry, as the Executive Director, will be working 10 hours a week by the beginning of November.
- The board nominations committee, Alexis and Peter, are looking into having a designated youth, non-voting spot on the board. Currently the bylaws state the minimum age as eighteen years.
- Annual Meeting—November 7. Discussion on preparation and committee representation at tables in the auditorium.
- SLRJP update-Possible motion to approve a lease. SNG has to sign the lease because SLRJP isn't an entity yet. SNG will collect two years rent plus deposit from SLRJP and set aside in a separate account.

Diann moves to sign the lease under the stipulation that SNG sequesters the funds for the two year lease. Julie seconds. All in favor.

- Set meeting date for December. Marne will host the end of year potluck meeting for those leaving and to welcome new board members. December 12 at 6:00.
- **CDC Motions:**

1. **Motion: Because of the poor condition and inability to meet handicap access (ADA) requirements, the Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) strongly supports replacement of the pedestrian bridge over I-94**

**with a new bridge in alignment with 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as soon as possible.** Winston Cavert moved and Mark Sulander seconded. Motion passed. Robin Garwood abstained.

Garrett: discussed the revised 2040. Scott Schafer was there to talk about pedestrian bridges.

Garret moves to approve the motion. All in favor.

2. **Motion: Based on the three bridge designs presented by Seward Redesign, the Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) prefers design Option 2 for the new pedestrian bridge over I-94.** Winston Cavert moved and Bob Hain seconded. Motion passed. Robin Garwood abstained.

Marne calls for vote. All in favor.

3. **Motion: The Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) approves the allocation of all of the program income available when the Contract Amendment is drafted to the Revolving Loan and Interest Reduction Programs.** Sheldon Mains moved and Winston Cavert seconded. Motion passed. Robin Garwood abstained.

Doug suggested the CDC motion be amended to make it more specific. There is approximately \$20,000 in unallocated program income. There is currently \$10,000 still in the emergency fund. Doug recommends \$5,000 of program income be allocated to interest reduction program, and the remainder of the program income be allocated to the revolving loan program. He also asked that \$5,000 from the emergency fund be moved to the interest reduction program.

Garrett moves the CDC motion be amended to read:

The Seward Neighborhood Group (SNG) approves the allocation of all of the program income available when the Contract Amendment is drafted (approximately \$20,000) as follows: \$5,000 to the Interest Reduction Program and the remainder (approximately \$15,000) to the Revolving Loan Program. In addition, the SNG approves moving \$5,000 from the Emergency Deferred Loan Program to the Interest Reduction Program.

Dan seconds. All in favor. The amendment has now been adopted.

**8: 10**            **Guest Cam Gordon.** See Report to Seward for October 24, 2018 (end of document- will be a link online)

**8:20**            **Financials: Diann Anders**

Diann moves to adopt the revised SNG Cash and Financial procedures. The revisions reflect the new structure of the staff and treasurer duties. Alexis seconds. All in favor.

**8:25**            **Community Building report**

Motion to support increased funding from City Council for the following areas:

- Programs to do outreach to at risk youth (similar to other parts of Mpls.)
- Increased funding for community oriented policing or violence prevention programs that work to prevent crime.
- Increased access to a mobile camera unit for the Seward Neighborhood  
SNG would like those attending to know what we support before speaking for the organization.

Alexis moves to motion. Diann second. All in favor.

- 8:35** River Gorge CAC Alexis Troschinetz. There is a River Gorge master planning article in the upcoming Fall/Winter profile. There will be two meetings left in the process on Nov. 5 and Dec. 10.
- 8:40** SNG Housing Coordinator, Towers facilitator and Community Organizer reports
- 8:50** Wrap up and clean up



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