

**SNG**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Jan 23, 2019**

7PM Welcome & Introductions

Board members present: Julie Madden, Rose James, Mike Trdan, Marne Zafar, Lisa Boehlke, Paige Priolo, Chris McLaughlin, Peter Fleck, Alexis Troschinetz, Allison Vandenberg-Daves, Daniel Handeen, Emily Reno

Staff present: Sam Graf, Liza Davitch, Doug Wise, Kerry Cashman

Guests: Dick Westby, Luis Bolano, Diann Anders, Ryan SanCartier, Marilyn Matheny

Excused: Bob Friddle, Garrett Peterson, Martha Rogers

Unexcused: Mohamud Farah

7:10 Pass October and December minutes. Alexis moves to pass both October and December minutes, Lisa seconds. All in favor.

7:15 Motion to re-elect Diann Anders to the Seward Towers Board of Directors. Mike moves to pass, Rose seconds. Motion passes.

7:20 Guest Ryan San Cartier from Ward 6. Ryan was asked about the status of the homeless encampment. MnDot and the Red Lake Band are working on the transition together. The navigation center will close the end of May and affordable housing will go on that site. Eighty-five families have obtained more permanent housing through the county and sixty-five through Red Lake Nation. Construction on over 100 units will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>.

7:20 Executive Report

Motion to add co-signers Alexis, Julie, and Kerry to SNG bank account. Lisa moves to pass motion. Rose seconds. All in favor.

Community Connections Conference-Feb 2 Announcement.

Board sign Conflict of Interest Forms.

Committee registration.

- Mike will be on the Environment committee.
- Emily will take part in either Environment or CDC.
- Allison will be on Communication Committee.
- Chris will be on Community Building.
- Alexis is on SLRJP and Community Building.
- Peter is on Communications Committee.
- Daniel is on CDC.
- Lisa will be on CDC.
- Marilyn would like to be in the loop on Environment and Communication committees. She and Dick Westby are co-chairs of History Committee.
- Paige will be on fundraising and Executive Committee.
- Rose will be on History and Communications Committees.
- Marne is the Communications Chair, and on Executive Committee. She would also like to be kept in the loop for fundraising.
- Julie will be on Fundraising.

7:45 Budget: The budget doesn't include growth or trimming. It is based on previous years. Request was made to schedule more time to go over budget details in February's Board agenda. Mike moves to postpone budget approval until February board meeting. Lisa seconds the motion. All in favor.

8:15 Neighborhoods event at Hennepin History Center. Allison attended the exhibit on redlining; how Minneapolis neighborhoods were shaped and how it relates to power, and the racially motivated home ownership gap. Redlining happened in all Twin Cities neighborhoods, including Seward. She encouraged everyone to learn more on the website [mappingprejudice.org](http://mappingprejudice.org). We can look at our goals of inclusiveness and stand in solidarity with people who don't live in neighborhoods that have the investment we have.

8:25 Guest Cam Gordon: See attached Report to Seward below (Note: Document will be live when posted online)

8:30 SLRJP update. Alexis will email updates due to time constraints. (Note: Added at the end of this document)

8:30 Watershed Grant-Motion to approve the grant-Doug. SNG would pay for Doug's time as project manager, using NRP funds. Total project budget is about \$6,000. Alexis moves to approve the grant. Marne seconds. All in favor.

8:40 History Committee:

Book Report

Discussion of comments from Bob Roscoe.

History Committee will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month.

8: 55 Mike moves to adjourn meeting. Marne seconds.

### SLRP Update:

Significant milestones reached in becoming its own non-profit:

On October 29, SLRJP became Seward Longfellow Restorative Justice and was officially incorporated in the State of MN. The process to completely separate from Seward Neighborhood Group, the fiscal sponsor, will take many more months.

As of December 1, the SLRJ office is at 2700 E. Lake Street, above the Denny's. An open house will be held in February. As soon as the date is firm, I'll send an announcement.

On January 14, the SLRJ held its first board meeting, during which its Bylaws were approved and an executive team was put in place. Rebecca Miller is the Chair, Donna Norbeck is Vice Chair, Deb Reiersen is Treasurer, and Alexis Troschinetz is Secretary.

Some programming highlights:

SLRJ and a resident of Little Earth completed their City grant funded project at Little Earth with a celebration dinner and planning for next steps. Thirteen residents attended restorative justice training and half plan to continue as volunteers with SLRJ.

A Minneapolis Police case SLRJ was referred involved a 24-year old co-defendant (cousin of the referred youth). SLRJ reached out to the Mpls City Attorney and was able to get the the adult co-defendant referred to SLRJ (normally another program in Mpls handles adult diversion). The parents of the youth have expressed gratitude for the opportunity to involve the adult cousin and to address some of the family dynamics involved.

SLRJ worked with a youth with two MPD citations and a County attorney referral. The intake meeting was held in the home due to youth not feeling mentally well enough to leave the home. At the intake it was determined the youth needed psychological services before any RJ services could begin. Ultimately, SLRJ referred the youth to a Somali mental

health case manager, including SLRJ attending the intake meeting for these services. SLRJ monitored the referral for a successful transition to mental health services.

Unfortunately, the youth's behavior escalated leading to multiple new contacts with law enforcement and SLRJ had to close all cases unsuccessfully.

SLRJ held a restorative conference with two referred participants who trespassed at the former Cooper School. SLRJ recruited three new community members to participate – a Sanford special ed teacher, a Roosevelt teacher who lives near the property, and a neighborhood resident who is also a dean of a suburban high school.

SLRJ held a two-hour intake meeting with a youth and his dad, culminating in the decision for the dad to refer his son to chemical dependency treatment before deciding next steps in the restorative process. The dad thanked the facilitators *“for spending so much time nudging things in the right direction. I could not be happier with the conclusions reached”*

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# Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to the Seward, January 23, 2018

Cam's Next Office Hours:  
Monday, February 4, 9:30-11:00am  
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- 1) 2019 Budget
- 2) Neighborhood Funding Programs
- 3) Comprehensive Plan
- 4) Second Ward Transportation Plan Meeting
- 5) Neighborhoods 2020
- 6) Community Connections Conference
- 7) Residential Energy Disclosure
- 8) LCD Street Lights
- 9) Police Charter Amendment
- 10) Snow Emergency Info
- 11) Semi-Truck Parking
- 12) Openings on Boards and Commissions

- 1) The City approved a 2019 budget of \$1.55 billion dollars. It includes an unprecedented affordable housing investment of more than \$50 million (\$40 million in local sources) to create more affordable housing, preserve existing affordable housing, support tenants' rights and promote affordable homeownership. The Council also made a series of amendments that reduced the proposed increase in the Police Department's budget by nearly \$1 million to fund other community safety strategies. You can find more at <http://lms.minneapolismn.gov/File/2018-00765>.
- 2) As part of the budget process, I successfully added provisions in the General Fund Five-Year Financial Direction to include between \$3.5 and 4 million a year for Neighborhood Funding Programs and \$3 million a year for Neighborhood and Community Relations Engagement Services beginning in 2021 when the current special tax district that funds those efforts will no longer be in existence. These will still need to be approved as part of the regular budget process in those years.
- 3) The 2040 Comprehensive Plan was approved with all but one of the amendments I offered being incorporated into the plan. This includes 6 land use/built form map amendments, 4 new policies and 24 of the 25 smaller amendments to existing policies. Four of my more significant amendments added new policies to the plan. One creates an Innovation District policy, one a Freeway Remediation Policy, another added a policy on the University District, and the fourth reiterates the City's ongoing support for Place-Based Neighborhood Engagement. I also brought forward several amendments that will increase renewable energy, energy efficiency, and affordable housing. I believe that the amended plan offers a promising path forward to help us prepare thoughtfully for population growth while preserving what is best about our communities, reducing racial and economic disparities, and addressing climate change. A searchable and printable version of the City Council approved plan can also be found at [https://minneapolis2040.com/media/1427/pdf\\_minneapolis2040\\_12\\_7\\_2018.pdf](https://minneapolis2040.com/media/1427/pdf_minneapolis2040_12_7_2018.pdf).
- 4) Please join me and other Ward 2 neighbors to share your transportation hopes and concerns on **March 6** from 7-8pm at Matthews park for a **Ward 2 Community Conversation on Improving Transportation in Minneapolis**. This year the City will be updating our ten year Transportation Plan to implement the transportation vision outlined in Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, our Complete Streets Policy and our Vision Zero initiative. To learn more about the plan as well as the recently released Vision Zero Crash Study and Visit <https://go.minneapolismn.gov> to learn more about the plan goals, topics and how to get involved and visit <https://www.visionzerompls.com/> for more information on the Vision Zero.

