

SNG Board Meeting Minutes - **APPROVED**

6:30 – 8:30pm, August 24, 2022

Attendance

Board Members Present: Diann Anders (Secretary), Terry Barnes, Lisa Boehlke (President), Peter D'Ascoli, Korla Masters, Casey Mock, Ryan Morgan, Ron Schlatter (Treasurer), Tami Traeger (Vice-President).

Board Members Absent: Donna Ray, Lisa Williams-Rolle

Others Attending: KT Simon (Cooper neighborhood resident), Jasmine Epps-Flowers (Community Organizer), Michael Jon Olson (SNG Executive Director).

Preliminaries

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Agenda was approved. (Tami moved and Karla seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.)

Minutes of the July board meeting were approved. (Peter moved and Ron Schlatter seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.)

Reports

Wards 2 and 6. No representatives from the ward offices were present.

Treasurer/Finance Committee. Ron introduced the financial report and financial narrative report to the board and highlighted monthly activity.

Community Development Committee. Michael Jon noted that Philip Muessig has started taking notes from the Development Committee meeting (provided in board packet). Working groups for 26th and 36th avenues have been started.

Community Engagement Committee. Jasmine reported that the committee is now off the ground and is focusing on engagement with Seward renters. Jasmine and the committee are working on some sort of healing event in conjunction with Longfellow Community Council sometime next year.

Celebrate Seward. Lisa reported that the committee has raised a substantial amount of money for this September 24th event and has lined up three diverse bands. Terry reported that Matthews Center staff will be running the children's activities during the events. Lisa acknowledged the assistance of Kevin Barnes. Lisa asked board members to help with publicity

for the event (lawn sign and flier distribution). Terry pointed out that the event will be a great opportunity to network with neighbors and get feedback on what SNG should be doing. Jasmine walked the board through how to share the Celebrate Seward on Facebook.

Staff. Michael Jon noted that a written staff report was in the board meeting materials folder. Jasmine reported on the Resident Safety Meetings that took place in the Seward Towers. Korla raised the concern that our homeless neighbors who use the Light Rail stations for shelter may be mistreated by Transit Police and Station Security. Tami also asked what sort of training is being given to station security personnel. Casey suggested SNG should reach out to Hennepin County and express the need for appropriate security services at the Light Rail Stations or on the light rail itself.

Office Move: Clean out of the office space has begun. SNG will be moving into space in Redesign's office starting September 1. The current space needs to be vacated by the end of October. Michael Jon is working on locating a space for a potential pop-up history museum in a vacant space along Franklin Avenue. The History Committee is interested in this approach to dealing with the Seward history archives.

Fall Calendar: Fall is the time to develop a work plan and budget for 2023. The hope is to have a discussion on drafts of these two documents at the September and October board meetings, with the goal of adopting the 2023 budget and work plan in November. The November meeting would fall on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, so the suggestion was made to move the November meeting to November 30. There was general consensus that this date would work.

NCR Meeting and Other Odds and Ends: Michael Jon reported on his meeting with NCR, particularly in relation to our equity work. A question was raised about the timeline for updating our website. Of particular concern was the fact that SNG's minutes are not being posted on the website. Michael Jon will check for the timeline for the new website when Andrea is back from vacation.

Work Plan for 2023 Michael Jon asked board members to review the annotated Work Plan for 2022 in preparation for discussions about the 2023 Work Plan at the next meeting. He would welcome any comments as he drafts the 2023 Work Plan. SNG is working with LCC to co-ordinate the schedules of both organizations. A general operating budget, coordinated with the Work Plan, will also be developed. Diann suggested that the Work Plan should indicate which objectives/actions are mandated as a condition of continued City funding.

NRP Reallocation Process As the Neighborhood Revitalization Program winds down, money is returning to SNG accounts from loan programs run by SNG during NRP. Board action and public notification is required to reallocate amounts under \$25,000. Greater amounts require more neighborhood input and board action.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.