

SNG Board Meeting Minutes - **APPROVED**

6:30 – 8:30pm, July 27, 2022

Attendance

Board Members Present: Terry Barnes, Lisa Boehlke (President), Peter D'Ascoli, Casey Mock, Ryan Morgan, Ron Schlatter (Treasurer), Tami Traeger.

Board Members Absent: Diann Anders, Korla Masters, Donna Ray, Lisa Williams-Rolle

Others Attending: Dan Handeen (community member), KT Simon (Cooper neighborhood resident), Jasmine Epps-Flowers (Community Organizer), Michael Jon Olson (Executive Director), Mahamoud Wardere (Seward Towers Community Facilitator), Anna Zellinger (East Lake Library).

Preliminaries

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of the June board meeting were approved.

Reports

Ward 6. Councilmember Osman reported on the recent police involved shooting in Seward, rent stabilization policy efforts, and other issues.

Treasurer/Finance Committee. Ron highlighted the financial reports in the board meeting materials folder. Other matters from the Finance Committee were on the agenda later as action items.

Staff. Michael Jon noted that a written staff report was in the board meeting materials folder. This will be a new practice. The board asked a few clarifying questions about items in the report.

Actions

Moved and Seconded: *To appoint Diann Anders as Secretary for term ending at the next Annual meeting.* Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve the following changes to the authorized signers for SNG accounts at Associated Bank and TruStone Credit Union: ADD Tami Traeger (Vice President), ADD Diann Anders (Secretary) and REMOVE Doug Hicks (former Vice President).* Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: *To appoint Phillip Mussig to the Community Development Committee.* Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: *To appoint Amelia Palacios and Anna Leher to the Community Engagement Committee.* Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: *To appoint the following to the 2022 Celebrate Seward Committee: Lisa Boehlke, Terry Barnes, Kevin Barnes, Pat Rosaves, Chris McLaughlin, Scott Krueger.* Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: To approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to vacate the current office space as of October 31 and rent space in the Redesign office starting September 1. Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: To TABLE the resolution to direct Executive Directors to explore and develop a plan for the merger of Seward Neighborhood Group and Longfellow Community Council, refer the matter back to the Finance Committee, and plan for a special board meeting specifically addressing this issue. Passed on roll-call vote – 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding support of Celebrate Seward:*

- 1. That SNG provide accounting support to the Celebrate Seward event by: 1) depositing all donated funds into a restricted account at Associated Bank, from which all expenses will be paid, using standard SNG accounting practices, and 2) providing the Board with monthly financial reports until all expenses are paid;*
- 2. That all event expenses be paid with restricted funds raised for this event;*
- 3. That SNG make a sponsorship contribution of \$2,500 to the Celebrate Seward event;*
- 4. That SNG consider the request for SNG staff support as it is described in the Celebrate Seward Work Plan, showing all tasks to be completed in the lead up to and during the event, a timeline for completion of those tasks, and an outline of who is responsible for completing those tasks.*

Passed on roll-call vote – 6 in favor, none opposed (one board member had left the meeting).

Moved and Seconded: To approve spending up to \$1,000 from the "new initiatives" budget line for 5 to 6 canopies for shade at Matthews Park pending approval and cooperation of Matthews Park and MPRB. Passed on roll-call vote – 5 in favor, 1 opposed.

Discussions

The Messenger. Tesha Christensen, owner of The Messenger, a community newspaper currently circulated in the greater Longfellow and greater Nokomis neighborhoods, talked with the board about her newspaper and the possibility of expanding into Seward. Michael Jon agreed to follow up with Tesha.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.