

SNG Board Meeting Minutes - **APPROVED**

6:30 – 8:30pm, June 22, 2022

Attendance

Board Members Present: Diann Anders, Terry Barnes, Lisa Boehlke (President), Peter D'Ascoli, Korla Masters, CRyan Morgan, Donna Ray, Tami Traeger.

Board Members Absent: Casey Mock, Ron Schlatter (Treasurer), Lisa Williams-Rolle

Others Attending: Sara Rothholz Weiner (Chair of CDC), Rachel Cruz (community member), Becky Landon (Landon Group), Casey Dzieweczynski (Wellington Management), 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 May board meeting were approved.

Reports

Community Development Committee. Sara reported that the CDC had an update from Wellington Management about the Agra project on the former Perkins site and from Rob Lockman, GLZ Companies, regarding a potential new affordable housing development at 2120 Minnehaha. Sara noted that there were concerns raised about the management of the current property on that site, which resulted in a meeting of interested parties on-site to develop an action plan for addressing the issues.

Community Engagement Committee. Jasmine reported on planning for the Open Streets Franklin event coming up on July 10.

Celebrate Seward. Lisa and Terry updated the group on organizing for the Celebrate Seward event planned for September 24.

Actions

Moved and Seconded: *To appoint Lisa Boehlke as President for a 1-year term.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve the letter of support for the Agra development as discussed at the CDC meeting, drafted by Sara, and presented in the board packet.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To appoint the following people to the Finance Committee: Ron Schlatter, Korla Masters, Casey Mock.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To appoint the following people to the Community Development Committee: Sara Rothholz Weiner, Sheldon Mains, Winston Calvert, Rebecca Blumenshine, Peter D'Ascoli, Lisa Boehlke.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve a letter to the Mayor and City Council insisting on the City's continued involvement in consent decree negotiations with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights regarding the Minneapolis Police Department.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To OPPOSE sponsorship of the Senate District 63 DLF primary candidate forum as it is a partisan political activity.* Passed - 4 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstention.

Discussions

Office Space. Michael Jon presented a memo regarding the SNG office space situation that recommends vacating the current office space and renting desk space at the Redesign office. The nascent Finance Committee has had some limited discussions about this issue. The board indicated general support for the recommendation and referred the matter back to the Finance Committee, which will bring a recommendation for action to the July board meeting.

Celebrate Seward Budget. Lisa and Terry presented a draft budget for the Celebrate Seward event and asked SNG for financial support by fronting funds for the event, to be reimbursed at a later date from donations. After much discussion, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for follow-up. The Celebrate Seward team will supply the Finance Committee with a fundraising plan and a budget that identifies immediate financial needs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.