

## **SNG Board Meeting Minutes**

6:30 – 8:30pm, September 28, 2022 (via ZOOM)

### **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

**Others Attending:** Jasmine Epps-Flowers (Community Organizer), Michael Jon Olson (SNG Executive Director), Mahamoud Wardere (Towers Community Facilitator), Tate Nguyen (Minneapolis NCR).

### **PRELIMINARIES**

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:43. Tami asked that an update about the website be added to the agenda. Terry asked for some brainstorming time around the discussion of the 2023 Work Plan. Peter requested a better explanation of the NRP reallocation process. With these additions, the agenda was adopted.

The minutes of the August Board Meeting were approved as written. The record of the email vote on a letter of support for Wadaag Commons was approved. (Peter moved and Diann seconded. Motion passed.)

Tate Nguyen from the City of Minneapolis, Neighborhood and Community Relations team (Tate.Nguyen@minneapolismn.gov 612-322-2036) explained the annual Board Representation Survey. It is important that all board members take the survey in order to accurately how well neighborhood boards represent their neighborhood. Tate provided a link to the survey in the chat and board members took the survey. The city offers workshops that board members should be encouraged to attend.

### **REPORTS**

#### ***Treasurer/Finance Committee (Ron)***

Ron presented the Financial Narrative and explained the Payment Request Form. The Finance Committee is working on updating finance procedures. Diann offered an explanation of the reallocation process for SNG’s remaining NRP funds.

#### ***Community Development Committee (Michael Jon)***

The CDC minutes reflect what happened at the CDC meeting. There were no motions from the September CDC meeting, apart from the recommendation to authorize the

Executive Director to send a letter of support for any resident applications to the City's traffic calming program. Casey asked if the neighborhood has ever considered formula business restrictions, whereby a neighborhood can demand that large chain businesses coming into the neighborhood conform to standards set by the neighborhood.

**Motion: SNG directs the Community Development Committee to explore the use of formula business restrictions in the neighborhood, possibly using the Institute for Local Self-Reliance.** (Casey moved and Terry seconded. The motion passed.)

***Celebrate Seward Recap (Lisa)***

Lisa acknowledged the many folks who worked on this event. Attendance was good. Terry reported significant donations from outside the state and even the country. The Celebrate Seward Committee is planning a de-brief to capture any lessons learned from putting on this event.

***Staff (Jasmine, Mahamoud, Michael Jon)***

Michael Jon reported that the new SNG/LCC renter engagement VISTA, Torrie, is identifying ownership of buildings with 10 or more units. The plan is to find someone in each building willing to act as the Building Ambassador, perhaps with some sort of a stipend. The goal of the program is to connect renters with neighborhood programs and resources. Ryan asked whether staff had any information about the turnover rate in rental units in Seward and also whether the intention is to gather information from renters about what SNG should/could do for them.

***Executive Committee (Lisa)***

As an update from the minutes of the Executive Committee, Michael Jon announced that the launch date for the new website is October 2. Anyone with ideas about what should be on the website needs to contact either Andrea, the website developer, or Michael Jon. Terry raised the questions of whether the Seward Arts page is included. Tami suggested that the Seward arts community was promised they would continue to receive website support from SNG, either via SewardArts.org or sng.org.

Michael Jon announced that Lisa Williams-Rolle has resigned from the board.

**DISCUSSIONS**

Due to lack of time, discussion of the work plan for 2023 was postponed until next month. Michael Jon will create a shared document so that members can add comments about the work plan ahead of that meeting.

The draft budget for 2023 is a status quo budget which has been reviewed by the Finance Committee. The budget includes a cost of living salary increase of 5%.

Michael Jon is developing a policy and process for approving donations to other nonprofit organizations and expenditures for community-lead initiatives. He welcomes input. The draft policy will be reviewed by the board in October.

#### **FINAL ACTIONS**

The decision has been made that the November meeting of the board will be November 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.