

SNG Board Meeting Agenda - **APPROVED**

6:30 – 8:30pm, January 25, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Diann Anders (Secretary), Terry Barnes, Lisa Boehlke (President), Ryan Morgan, Ron Schlatter (Treasurer), Donna Ray, Peter D’Ascoli.

Board Members Absent: Tami Traeger (Vice-President), Casey Mock

Others Attending: Michael Jon Olson (SNG Executive Director), Paige Priolo, Sara Rothholz Weiner, Beirut Abdo (Ward 6 Council Member Policy Aide), Jamal Osman (Ward 6 Council Member), Katie Simon (Cooper Neighborhood)

PRELIMINARIES

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:39.

Consent Agenda:

- Agenda
- Minutes of November 30, 2022 board meeting
- History Committee Structure and Purpose
- Appoint Mary Pumphrey to seat vacated by Korla Masters until May election
- Appoint Ryan Morgan to Finance Committee
- Reappoint the following to Community Development Committee: Lisa Boehlke, Phillip Muessig, Sara Rothholz Weiner, Sheldon Mains, Rebecca Blumenshine, Winston Cavert
- Confirm the following as members of the History Committee: Richard Westby, Mike Trdan, Rick Musser, Rory Cahill, Wendy Epstein, Marilyn Matheny, Lisa Boehlke, Annika Brindel

Motion: The consent agenda is adopted. (Diann moved and Ron seconded. Motion passed unanimously.)

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

SNG Fundraising Outlook (Paige Priolo)

Paige, a former board member and professional fund raiser, has developed a fund raising analysis for SNG. Her analysis suggests an aggressive grant writing program could produce \$40,000 to \$80,000 in project-based revenue and suggests possible grantors to approach. Grants for operating expenses are more difficult to secure.

Paige sees that grantors are open to and may even expect community volunteers to be the implementors of grants. To pursue and administer grants under the strategy, SNG would need to find expertise in grant writing and also develop infrastructure to administer any grants received.

Grants written in collaboration with other neighborhood groups should heighten grantor interest in funding such grants. Paige suggested the McKnight and Minneapolis Foundations as possibilities.

Paige also reminded the board that unsecured grants should not be included in the budget for any increased expenses.

Paige had no insight into the current state of city funding for neighborhood groups. Council Member Osman stated that the council members fight for neighborhood funding, particularly under-served neighborhoods and that he has supported \$100,000 annual support for neighborhood organizations because of the roles these organizations play.

Ward 6 Report (Council Member Osman)

Council Member Osman reported that he was able to secure increased street lighting as part of the budget. He asked that places needing increased lighting be reported to his office. He has worked to increase public safety. He hopes the Office of Violence Prevention can be expanded from Cedar Riverside to include Franklin Avenue. Inspector Gomez is another public safety figure available to assist neighborhoods. The council is working on developing the consent decree in response to inequities in policing in Minneapolis. A rent stabilization task force has been working for the past 3 months and has come up with two proposals: one favoring renters and the other favoring developers/landlords. He sees a need to provide a middle ground after listening to the expertise. But he wants to support the renters. Council Member Osman reported on the announcement today by Public Works that starting tomorrow parking on the even side of non-Snow Emergency streets is prohibited. Council will be voting on the contract for demolishing the Roof Depot tomorrow. He feels that the city should continue to work with the neighborhoods surrounding the site,

Beirut Abdo, Ward 6 Policy Aide, encouraged people to contact the Ward 6 office Monday through Thursday during business hours.

Treasurer /Finance Committee (Ron Schlatter)

Ron reported that at year end SNG has two years of operating reserves, which is a good position for a neighborhood group, although 2022 ended with an operating loss. The Finance Committee is drafting a plan for administering the Community Initiative Fund and will circulate the draft. Finance is asking board members to review the draft and make comments by February 17th so that the draft can be refined and brought to the board for action at its February meeting.

The written reports below were submitted prior to the board meeting. Directors had been asked to send questions outside of the meeting.

- **Financial Report**
- **Community Development Committee Meeting Notes.**
- **Executive Committee Meeting Notes**
- **Staff Report**

ACTION ITEMS

Note: All of the action items are recommended for approval by the Executive Committee.

Motion: To provisionally recognize 36th Avenue Revitalization and Transformation (36th A.R.T.) as a community-led initiative of SNG that will report to the Community Development Committee (CDC); that the CDC will review any requests of SNG from the 36th A.R.T. working group and make recommendations to the SNG board of directors for action; and that SNG will assist with communication related to 36th A.R.T. and its initiatives.

(Lisa moved and Donna Ray seconded; the motion failed with Terry abstaining, Lisa voting in favor, and Ron, Diann, Ryan, Peter, and Donna Ray voting against) It was suggested that Terry, Sara and Ron should meet to clarify some of the questions raised about what constitutes a “community-led initiative” and what responsibilities does this designation put on the members of the initiative and on SNG.

Motion: To approve the proposed change to the SNG holiday policy language in the SNG Personnel Policies. (Ron moved, Lisa seconded, passed unanimously) These changes are detailed in *Proposed Change to the SNG Holiday Policy* (document 11) in the board packet.

Motion: To change the language in all SNG committee charters from “appoint/appointed/reappoint” to “confirm/confirmed/reconfirm”. (Terry moved, Diann seconded, motion passed with Ryan and Peter abstaining) The intent of this motion was to make the language more welcoming to potential committee members.

Motion: To add the following to the 2023 SNG Work Plan: “Create SNG Welcome packets and distribute to block club leaders and building ambassadors”. (Ron moved, and Lisa seconded, passed unanimously) Lisa pointed out creation of the welcome packet would be supported by staff but would be a mainly volunteer driven effort.

Motion: To approve SNG’s participation in the Frank Johnson Seward Neighborhood Scholarship Fund conditionally based on review of selection criteria. (Lisa moved and Terry seconded, passed unanimously.) For details refer to document 12 in the board packet.

DISCUSSIONS

Due to lack of time, discussion of the 2023 SNG Annual Meeting and Board Election was postponed to the next meeting. Michael Jon asked that board members review and comment on the related documents (Election Committee Charter, Election Plan, and Example Ballot) prior to the February board meeting so that SNG can act in a timely fashion.

Katie Simon from the Cooper neighborhood asked for volunteers interested in making pickle ball possible in the parks.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting is February 22, 2023 , 6:30 p.m.