

SNG Board Meeting Agenda

6:30 – 8:30pm, February 22, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Diann Anders (Secretary), Lisa Boehlke (President), Ron Schlatter (Treasurer), Tami Traeger (Vice-President), Casey Mock, Mary Pumphrey

Board Members Absent: Terry Barnes, Ryan Morgan, Peter D'Ascoli, Donna Ray

Others Attending: Michael Jon Olson (SNG Executive Director), Katie Simon (Cooper Neighborhood)

PRELIMINARIES

While waiting for a quorum, Katie Simon announced that the fish fry was back on at St. Albert's, Fridays during Lent, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:40 when quorum was reached.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve this Agenda
- Approve minutes of January Board Meeting
- Confirm SNG participation in the Frank Johnson scholarship fund
- Approve Election Committee Charter
- Approve motion recommended by Executive Committee: *That SNG request the City of Minneapolis hold a public meeting to explain: 1) how the City will mitigate pollution during demolition and construction at the Roof Depot site, and 2) how the City will mitigate air quality impacts of operations at the site.*
- Approve motion recommended by CDC: *That the 36th ART working group be recognized as a sub-committee of the SNG Community Development Committee (CDC), and as such, reports to and works in collaboration with the CDC.*

Tami requested that the motion from Executive Committee be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. (See Roof Depot Site under Discussion section below.)

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

REPORTS

The following written reports or notes were presented in the board materials folder

- Strategic Planning - Five Year Outcomes - DRAFT - Version 3

- Executive Committee
- Community Development Committee
- History Committee
- Financial Report
- Staff Report

Lisa asked if anyone had questions about the written reports. Board members are encouraged to review the strategic planning outcomes for discussion in March. There were no questions about the written reports.

Ron asked about the rental agreement with LLC for office space. LCC was subletting from Raven Construction and Raven Construction's lease with the owner of Elite Cleaners was terminated. LCC is moving to adjacent, but smaller space. SNG will continue to rent space from LCC in the new location. SNG's space is used primarily by Jasmine and for staff meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

Roof Depot Site

Motion: SNG will form a task force to request the City of Minneapolis hold a public meeting to explain: 1) how the City will mitigate pollution during demolition and construction at the Roof Depot site, and 2) how the City will mitigate air quality impacts of operations at the site. The task force will seek to work with other groups and individuals in order to provide a broad spectrum of community voices. (Tami moved and Casey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.)

The intent of the motion from the Executive Committee was to ask the City to hold a public informational meeting, not an SNG meeting. Michael Jon suggested forming a task force to explore working with other individuals and groups to push for a public informational meeting. Mary, Lisa and Tami volunteered to serve on this ad hoc task force. Casey suggested that the City's request to the State for forgiveness of its stadium debt might provide leverage in enlisting support from state legislators for such a public meeting.

Covid Protocol for SNG Meetings

Motion: SNG adopts the following COVID policy for in-person meetings: Anyone attending an SNG in-person meeting must: 1) have had a negative in-home test within 2 hours prior to the meeting, OR 2) have had a negative PCR test within 24 hours prior to the meeting, OR 3) mask during the meeting. Anyone feeling ill is asked to stay home regardless of test results. (Tami moved, Diann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.)

SNG Board Elections

Motion: The 2023 Board Election Plan and Sample Ballot is approved.

Following the discussion below, the motion was tabled until the March meeting.

Mary asked why there is no provision for remote voting. Ron said having a ballot box outside Matthews so that people could vote without coming into Matthews Center. Michael Jon volunteered to find out how other neighborhoods are handling voting. Tami asked if we can have an on-line voting prior to the Annual Meeting. The problem with this is that on-line votes need to be cross checked with ballots at the Annual Meeting. A plan needs to be adopted no later than the March board meeting. Casey noted that if we have on-line voting access we need a back up if something goes wrong.

Ron volunteered to be on the Election Committee. Michael Jon will reach out to Dan Pederson and Doug Hicks.

Seward Small Grant Program

Motion: The Seward Small Grants Program - Policies and Procedures (revised) and the Seward Small Grant Program - Guidelines for Applicants (new) are approved. (Tami moved and Casey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.)

Michael Jon noted that the Seward Small Grants Program was formerly called the Community Initiative Fund. As a point of clarification, if no applications are received from the targeted groups (renters and East African immigrants), the money set aside for those groups (\$5,000) will not be awarded.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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