

SNG Board Meeting Minutes - **APPROVED**

6:30 – 8:30pm, April 26, 2023 via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Terry Barnes, Lisa Boehlke (President), Peter D’Ascoli, Ryan Morgan, Mary Pumphrey, Donna Ray, Ron Schlatter (Treasurer), Tami Traeger (Vice-President).

Board Members Absent: Diann Anders (Secretary), Casey Mock.

Others Attending: Michael Jon Olson (SNG Executive Director), Mahamoud Wardere (Towers Community Facilitator), and Beirut Abafogi (Ward 6 office).

ACTIONS

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously: To approve all consent items:

- *Agenda*
- *Minutes of March 22 board meeting*
- *2022 Federal 990 and MN Annual Report*
- *Confirmation of the following as members of the 2023 Elections Committee: Peter D’Ascoli, Doug Hicks, Ron Schlatter, Tami Traeger.*
- *Sign-on to [Shut Down the HERC Petition](#) as recommended by the Community Development Committee*

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously: To approve SNG’s Statement Regarding the 3rd Precinct:

To All Whom It Concerns:

The Seward Neighborhood Group supports the Longfellow Community Council’s call for a delay in any decision regarding the location of a 3rd Precinct building, and for a comprehensive community outreach process regarding the future of policing in the 3rd Precinct.

*At this time the Seward Neighborhood Group **opposes** locating a 3rd Precinct building at either 3000 Minnehaha Avenue or 2600 Minnehaha Avenue.*

Further, the Seward Neighborhood Group requests that the City of Minneapolis pilot new ideas for the delivery of public safety services in the 3rd Precinct, including but not limited to a decentralized approach to housing 3rd Precinct staff.

Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously: *To approve changes to the Seward Small Grant Program as recommended by the Finance Committee, with the inclusion of the following language in the Criteria for Review, under the Alignment section: “What specific efforts are being made to make this project accessible and inclusive for commonly marginalized people? (For example people with disabilities, BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities, renters, East Africans, etc.)?”*

Moved, seconded, and passed (6 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention): *To approve SNG’s participation as a co-sponsor of a Ward 6 candidate forum organized by the Minneapolis League of Women Voters.*

DISCUSSIONS

Annual Meeting. The board discussed the plan for the Annual Meeting and made various recommendations including inviting local mosques to table, inviting resource organizations to table, and having specific questions related to strategic planning for attendees to respond to on the Strategic Planning Graffiti Board.

New Era Collaborative. Michael Jon summarized the intent of the New Era Collaborative. Board members asked clarifying questions. Michael Jon noted that 5 board members from SNG have attended one of the three information sessions about the NEC. No action is required at this time and no action was taken.

Powderhorn Porchfest. The board discussed potential SNG participation in the event. Michael Jon will ask the lead staff person from PPNA to attend the May meeting so that the board can ask questions and make a decision about participation.