

Kenny Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

February 19, 2008

Minutes Compiled by: Kristen Carberry

Attendees:

Bryan Simmons, Chairperson
Karen Gabler, Vice Chairperson
Jim Horn, Treasurer
Kristen Carberry, Secretary

Neil Davis
Bob Engstrom
Ken Kelash
Mary Kenning
Tim Martin

Guests:

Ruth Olson
Mitch Waukau, Kenny Park Director
Council Member Hodges
Patrick Sutter, Borton Volvo

Handouts:

Meeting Agenda, Treasurer's Report, KNA Board Status Update, Framework for the Future

Secretary Report: Kristen circulated the January minutes for review and approval. Neil moved to accept the January minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Jim presented the written Treasurer's Report. Jim reported the newsletter continues to be the largest expense. Tim moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

City Council Report, 13th Ward: Betsy discussed her role as Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the new legislative season. There will be a ward meeting March 10 to discuss the Framework for the Future to replace NRP after 2009. Betsy met with the Kenny Traffic Committee last week; the stop sign previously removed at Irving and 58th will be restored.

Park Report: Mitch reported Winter activities will end in one month. The skating rink is now closed for the season. Mitch reported some upcoming activities at the park include an egg hunt March 29; a movie screening July 29; and Art in the Park July 22-24.

Patrick Sutter: Borton's Volvo will not be holding their annual block party any longer and they would like to support the Kenny Festival with a donation of up to \$4,000. The board discussed the need to assemble a group of volunteers to plan the festival. Tim moved to present a proposal to Borton's one week after the March meeting with details for the '08 Kenny Festival. Motion passed unanimously.

Bryan: Detailed a recent meeting he and Ruth attended on the Framework for the Future. He will continue to meet with other SW neighborhood leaders to present ideas to Betsy. Discussion of annual meeting plans. No NRP focus needed this year. The board discussed covering the following topics: MNDot update; Lyndale Ave. bridge update; the festival; housing vendor/availability of loans; school updates; Kenny treasures; need for new board members and the board election. Jim moved to mail a postcard to all homes in Kenny with a reminder about the annual meeting date. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: Tim discussed the newsletter deadline; the revised deadline for submissions will be the 2nd week of February, May, August and November.

Traffic: Bryan, Brenda, Ben Hecker, an Anthony School parent and Jonette Kuhnau, Minneapolis Public Works previously met and a decision was made to replace the stop sign at 58th and Irving.

Housing: Ruth advised the program documents are complete; CEE is moving forward and applications for loans will be due by April 11th. An announcement will be in the February newsletter.

Grass Lake Committee: Bryan said Windom School would like to install duck houses.

Garden Club: No report

School Committee: Jim & Mary – Spring-a-wing-ding parent get-together will be held at Bachman's April 12th. There will be a science fair at Kenny the 2nd week of March. Anthony is installing a rain garden, needs help with design. Anthony received a reading award.

Parks Committee: Kenny Park Committee will meet March 4th.

Garden Club: Bob may help with Anthony rain garden design; club looking for a public venue to drum up interest- maybe at Uncommon Gardens or the Kenny Plant Sale.

Lyndale Committee: No report

Program Updates: Ruth advised she did not receive an updated Trust report. Ruth advised board should review NRP plan and reallocate funds. Ruth mentioned the KNA bylaws are outdated and should be revised.

New/old business: Jim said it was time for write out thank you's and offered to host a get-together at his house. Details to follow.

Neil said a neighbor had requested it be noted that 5516 Emerson was a problem house and neighbors should alert the police of suspicious activity.

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Bryan Simmons
Chairperson

Kristen Carberry
Secretary