

Kenny Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

June 17, 2008

Minutes Compiled by: Ruth Olson

Attendees:

Bryan Simmons, Chairperson
Karen Gabler, Vice-Chairperson
Jim Horn, Treasurer

Mary Kenning
Chris Werner

Guests:

Ruth Olson
Betsy Hodges, Ward 13 Council Member
Mitch Waukau, Kenny Park Director
Mary Brozic, Kenny neighbor
Donna Beatty, Kenny neighbor
Annie Dressen, Kenny neighbor

Handouts:

Meeting Agenda, Treasurer's Report, KNA Board Status Update, June 12, 2008 letter from Bob Miller, Remaining NRP Phase I Funds report, NRP Phase II - Recommended Funding for New Allocation, Proposed Newsletter Guidelines, Board Roster and Other Important Contacts

Secretary Report: Ruth circulated the May minutes for review and approval. Karen moved to accept the May minutes. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Jim presented the written Treasurer's Report. Karen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jim noted that we will participate in an NRP audit of KNA files.

City Council Report, 13th Ward: Betsy Hodges updated the Board on the following items:

1. The Ward Breakfast is held the third Wednesday of each month at 8am at Pearson's.
2. There was a legislative bill that passed to help reduce debt on the Target center and fund neighborhoods. There will be a partial report to the City Council on 6/19 regarding recommendations for this money, but a full report won't be forthcoming for another couple of months. Ultimately, it looks like there will be money for neighborhoods after 2009 that will include both administrative and discretionary funds.
3. Minneapolis Police Department will add six more officers in the 5th Precinct this fall. More cadets are in training, but it is unclear if any of them will come to the 5th Precinct.
4. National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August. It is free to close off a street if registration is received before 7/22. It is \$100 if registration is received after 7/22 but before 7/31. No registrations will be accepted after 7/31. Call 311 for more information.
5. Reconstruction of Lyndale Avenue has begun. The project will be done in three- 1year phases. The bridge over Minnehaha Creek may not be replaced until 2010 because of the ongoing closure of the Bryant Avenue Bridge. Reconstruction of Lyndale from 54th to 56th (the part in Kenny) will be in either 2009 or 2010.
6. The City is trying to address ongoing troubles with USI Wireless. The problems are due mainly to foliage and water.

Park Report: Mitch advised that they have had to cancel many summer programs due to lack of registrations. They will start working on the fall program soon. They are looking forward to the results of the recent survey to help guide the fall choices.

Summer Festival: Bryan detailed the plans underway. Soul Tight Committee has been signed to be the headliner band. Discussion was held as to whether or not to have information tables and political candidates. No decision was made in regards to political candidates and the issue will be further discussed at the next Festival Planning meeting. KPAC and Kenny School might both like tables.

NRP Phase II Allocation of Funds: Ruth notified the Board that we have recently received and additional \$11,051 in NRP money to apply to Phase II. This is restoration of part of the original allocation. The Board agreed with the recommendations for reallocation as presented in the handout. 10% of the additional money will go the Plan Implementation, with the remainder going toward Public Spaces. Discussion was held as to how to fund the tennis courts, but no decision was reached.

Committee Reports:

Communications Committee: The Board reviewed the proposed Newsletter Guidelines as submitted by the Communications Committee. Slight changes were made. The Board will identify a Board member to be Chair of the Communications Committee, who will attend the quarterly committee meetings regarding the newsletter.

Traffic: No report.

Housing: Ruth advised CEE has received 8 complete applications. One loan was denied and another does not appear that it will move forward. 4 loans have closed and 2 remaining applications are processing. About \$33,000 remains available. If this money is not all loaned out by the fall, the Housing Committee will consider opening the program up to interior projects:

Grass Lake Committee: The Committee remains active and has been weeding the shoreline.

Schools: No report.

Parks Committee: Ruth will begin compiling the data from the recent survey.

Garden Club: No report.

Lyndale Committee: No further report.

Program Updates: Ruth advised the garage sales were successful. Feedback was positive about the merger with the Armatage Sales. No action has yet been taken on the slow down yard sign campaign.

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

Bryan Simmons
Chairperson

Ruth Olson
Neighborhood Coordinator