

## **Kenny Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

**November 15, 2016**

Minutes compiled by: Nancy Hoyt Taff

### Board Members Present:

Nancy Hoyt Taff, Kevin Eisen, Stu Nostdahl, Stacey Rammer, Rick Oknick, Kathy Engen

### Guests:

Alex Tsatsoulis (Minneapolis Bike Coalition), Nikki (Minneapolis Parks and Recreation), Linea Palmisano (Ward 13)

### Handouts:

Meeting agenda, secretary's report, treasurer's report, Draft Long Term Funding Proposal, 2017 – 2019 CPP Proposal, Crime Report

**Meeting called to order by co-chair, Rick Oknick, at 7:00 pm.**

Secretary Report: reviewed; motion to approve – Stu, Second – Kevin; motion approved.

Treasurer Report: not available, to be approved at next meeting.

Open Streets: Alex Tsatsoulis of the Minneapolis Bike Coalition discussed extending the 2017 Lyndale Open Streets all the way to 54<sup>th</sup> and Lyndale. The Board had proposed this extension, and Rick, Ruth and Nancy had previously met with Alex to discuss the benefits of bringing the event to the neighborhood. The route down Lyndale has not been finalized, and will need final City approval. There are outstanding concerns with the route for neighbors' access to driveways on Lyndale, and it may be detoured down Bryant.

The Minneapolis Bike Coalition hosts the event, with support from local businesses and neighborhood organizations. The Coalition provides the staff time, as well as arranges the permits and other expenses and requests either financial and/or volunteer support to make the event a success. Mr. Tsatsoulis indicated that the overall request of the area is \$5,000, which could be divided by multiple neighborhood organizations and other sponsors. He explained the varying levels of funding – from \$100 to \$20,000 – and the benefits that are associated with those sponsorship levels. As the Board had indicated they would support the event in their route application, the Coalition was interested in learning the level of support and volunteer capacity.

The Board indicated that they were able to recruit volunteers as well as provide financial support. They would decide the funding amount during their discussion later in the meeting. Nancy said she would connect Mr. Tsatsoulis to the other neighborhoods to have similar discussions. The Coalition would let Kenny know in the next few weeks what the next steps are, assuming route concerns are resolved and final approval is received.

Ward 13 Update: Councilmember Linea Palmisano

- 54<sup>th</sup> street is open to two way traffic and sidewalk construction will be done in the spring. The trailer at 54<sup>th</sup> and Girard Ave S will be moved and placed in a new location for next year's construction.
- 60<sup>th</sup> and Xerxes – the Councilmember has worked to add a stoplight at this intersection to ease traffic congestion.
- Mayor's budget – the City Council is reviewing and will be amending for final adoption in mid-December. The budget is available online. The Council is hosting two open meetings at City Hall at 6:30. November 30<sup>th</sup>'s meeting will discuss the budget as proposed, and the meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> will discuss the Council's markup of the budget.
- Community Forums – the Councilmember will host another community forum on December 12<sup>th</sup> about Islamophobia. Keith Ellison is slated to participate.
- 121 Update – in order to develop the triangle of land north of 58<sup>th</sup> along 121, the City must purchase the 44 parcels of land that are in the area. This legal work will take time and the Councilmember continues to push it as a priority.

Kenny Park Report: Nikki

- Halloween event at Armatage was a success with over 1,000.
- New program brochure is out, registration is open. Basketball registration open too.
- Kenny Skating Parky on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Evening play group will begin at Armatage. Nikkii will post on NextDoor

CPP Proposal: The board discussed the CPP report as proposed. No changes made. Motion to approve – Kevin, second – Kathy; motion approved.

Funding discussion:

- FixIt Fund. The board discussed continually reinvesting the program income back into the program. Motion to approve and review annually – Stuart; second – Kevin; motion approved.

The board discussed the PROPOSED final funding allocations below:

Item	Description	Proposed Funding Amount	Board Lead
Utility box wraps	For graffiti prevention –4 potential locations. May work with Anthony students to design or select the wraps.	\$3,500	Stu/Kathy
Community Garden	Ongoing funding and potential new location	\$7,500	Stu
Park/playground improvements	Allocate funding to support park and playground improvements, events and activities. Work with Kenny Parent's Association.	\$25,000	

Schools	Funding for the schools – work with schools to ID priorities	\$10,000 (\$5,000 each)	
Open Streets/54 <sup>th</sup> and Lyndale Event	Partner with Mpls and Bike Alliance to host Open Streets event – for 3 years.	\$12,000	Nancy, Rick
Neighborhood engagement	Ongoing support of Association Activities such as staffing, newsletter, and social media outreach.	\$5,000	
Beautification	Support neighborhood beautification – such as planting on common property (along 121 sound wall) and green rain gardens. Work with Watershed District to connect residents with grant funding.	\$10,000	Kevin
Housing Fund	Additional funding for Housing Fund (sustainable investment)	\$10,000	
		Total: \$83,000	

Will send out to the entire board via email for approval. Final vote in January.

Next Meeting: No public meeting in December. Next meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by Rick Oknick.**