

Minutes of January 17, 2017
KNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Rob Caverly, Kevin Eisen, Kathy Engen, Stu Nostdahl, Rick Oknick, and Nancy Hoyt Taff

Guests: Ruth Olson, Nikki Friederich, Jeanne Barnell, Linea Palmisano and Kendal Killian

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. Introductions were held.

Minutes: Minutes from November 15, 2016 KNA meeting were reviewed. Stu moved to approve the Minutes with two spelling corrections and the amended proposed long term budget planning amounts; Rick seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Rob reviewed the current account balances: Checking: \$11,342.62; Savings: \$58,918.73. Rob will work on a full report and send it out.

Kenny Newsletter: The software that Mary Arneson has been using for several years to produce the Kenny newsletter has gotten very out of date and difficult to use. To update the software would be \$800 to purchase or \$20/month to lease. It has also been several years since Mary was given an increase in her stipend for producing the newsletter. Kathy moved to lease the new software for \$20/month and to increase Mary's stipend to \$300/issue; Rob seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Rob requests that we try to have the leasing cost billed directly as a bank debit to KNA.

Coordinator Contract: Ruth's contract was reviewed and renewed for 2017 at a rate of \$34/hr up to 10 hours/week.

Long Term Budget Planning and Funding Reallocation: The proposal generated in November was reviewed; due to an addition error, \$2K needs to be cut. Ruth also noted that the Housing Coordinator strategy of the Implementation Contract will need additional funds. All proposed categories stayed the same except Beautification was reduced to \$6,500 and \$1,500 will be added for the Housing Coordinator (see attached). Kevin moved to approve the proposed budget/fund reallocations; Kathy seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ruth will announce the proposed allocations in the next newsletter and notify the neighborhood of a community vote at the Annual Meeting on 4/18.

Ward 13 Update: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- The City Council approved a Charter Change that deals with how premiums from the sale of bonds are treated. The new process is more in line with other Minnesota cities.
- The City Audit Committee has added a MPRB representative. The committee has audited worker safety within MPRB (especially Forestry) and hopes its findings will increase safe work practices and transparency.
- Senior Policy Aide Ken Dahler has moved into a new position with the City Clerk's office; Kendal Killian will assume Ken's role within the Ward 13 office.
- Council Member Palmisano will be taking off as little time as possible with the birth of her baby so that she can be present at City Hall to vote and represent Ward 13.
- City Council is considering a municipal level minimum wage ordinance. Any recommended ordinance change will go through normal City Council processes including a public hearing. There will also be two community listening session; unfortunately neither of them are near Ward 13. CM Palmisano is considering hosting an additional community meeting with a panel discussion on topics such as tip credits, municipal vs. state ordinance, true costs, best practices, etc. It was suggested that a FAQ be generated ahead of time with basic information. The

meeting would allow for increased community engagement, education and would help inform CM Palmisano's decision making process.

- CM Palmisano has spoken with the Community Planning and Economic Department (CPED) about the vacant property/land in the triangle at 58th and the Lyndale split. It is estimated that it would cost approximately \$200K to work through the legal and easement issues for the property and to perform some basic infrastructure work.
- Concern was expressed about the safety of the Hwy 121/62 intersection – it is not well marked and has no signalized crossings. Kendal will check into the safety record of the area.

Kenny Park Update: Nikki Friederich reported:

- The Kenny Fire on Ice Family Skating Party will be on Friday, 2/3. A DJ is booked and she is trying to secure snowshoeing equipment. Hot chocolate and maybe marshmallows will be served. Nikki will staff the event. Kevin moved to approve up to \$300 in funds to cover the cost of the DJ; Rick seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The Ice Cream Social will be on 6/23.
- The Summer Festival will be on 7/27.
- Movies in the park will be on 8/9 and will feature the original *Ghostbusters*; KNA will sponsor popcorn and lemonade.
- Family yoga will be on Wednesday nights at Armatage; if there is interest, she will also consider adding it on Monday nights at Kenny.

Open Streets Update: Open Streets Lyndale will be on Sunday, June 4 (pending final City Council approval). Planning will begin soon and there appears to be a good amount of interest from the four neighborhoods at 54th & Lyndale to financial and volunteer sponsorship.

Garage Sales: The Board decided to move the annual garage sales to Sat., June 3 in order to coordinate with Open Streets.

Coordinator's Update:

- Ruth noted that there has been an increase of auto break-ins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Nancy Hoyt Taff, President

Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator