

Kenny Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting and Celebration

April 18, 2017

Minutes compiled by: Ruth Olson

Community Updates:

- Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene reported on roads and bridges, the library system, county jails and health and human services. Commissioner Greene is focusing on integration and immigration.
- Ward 13 City Council Member Linea Palmisano reported on yard waste, street sweeping, 54th St, parks, roads, Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan, organics and data management.
- 5th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite reported on crime in the neighborhood and recruiting Block Leaders. She also discussed social media and its benefits and drawbacks in reporting crime.
- Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) Director of Forestry, Ralph Sievert, outlined the goals for removal and replacement of ash trees due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on boulevards and in parks. There are approximately 40,000 trees that need to be removed and replaced; this is being done at a rate of 20 percent per year over eight years. When replacing a tree, consideration is given to a range of species of existing trees and they try to replace with underrepresented species such as oak, Ginkgo, birch, buckeye, etc. MPRB has decided to not try to chemically treat trees to kill the EAB as the effects of the chemicals are not known on pollinators and other environmental concerns.

Neighborhood Update and KNA Board Elections

Recognition of Retiring Board Members:

- Jonathan Banks, Rob Caverly and Jay Rajaratnam for their years of service on the KNA Board

KNA Board Elections:

- **On-going members:** Kevin Eisen, Cristo Lane, Stu Nostdahl, Nancy Hoyt Taff, Rick Oknick and Stacey Rammer
- **Members up for re-election:** Kathy Engen and Carol Martinson
- **Incoming Members:** Jason Cronister, Jenel Farrell and Bronwen Zakariasen

A motion to approve the slate of candidates was approved by all members present.

Funding Reallocation and Priority Setting

Nancy reviewed the proposed reallocation of NRP funds (see attached) to support ongoing neighborhood priorities. A motion to approve the proposed funding reallocation was approved by all members present.

Small group breakouts for further establishing priorities for the new schools, parks and environmental funds were held.

Meeting concluded at 8:15 PM.

Nancy Hoyt Taff, President

Ruth Olson, Coordinator