

Minutes of May 16, 2017
KNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Jason Cronister, Kevin Eisen, Jenel Farrell, Stu Nostdahl, Rick Oknick, Nancy Hoyt Taff and Branwen Zakariassen

Guests: Ruth Olson, Nikki Friederich and Linea Palmisano

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. Introductions were held.

Minutes: Minutes from March 21, 2017 KNA meeting and the April 19, 2017 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Jenel moved to approve both Minutes; Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Jason reviewed Treasurer's Report. Rick moved to approve the report; Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Board Elections: Jason Cronister was previously approved as Treasurer for 2017-2018 by e-mail vote. The following slate of candidates for the remainder of the 2017-2018 Executive Board was nominated: Chair-Nancy Hoyt Taff, Vice-Chair-Rick Oknick and Secretary-Carol Martinson. Kevin moved to approve the slate of candidates; Stu seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Annual Meeting Review: The Annual Meeting in April went well- the speakers were particularly engaging. Small groups for Environmental, Schools and Park projects were sparsely attended.

Committee Updates:

Environment: The Superfund site has some newly identified "hot spots" in the northwest corner of the affected area. Evaluation and clean-up continue.

Open Streets: Event scheduled for June 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Ruth will send out a Google Doc for volunteer sign-up (one hour shifts). Rick will donate a \$100 gift card from The Republic for a prize drawing. Kevin is working with the Master Water Stewards and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District for participation. City Church has not expressed interest.

Schools: Kathy Engen is coordinating directly with Kenny School for KNA to pay for treatment of the large silver maple and well as starting to identify priorities for other improvements.

Ward 13 Update: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- CM Palmisano reviewed her assignments: Ways and Means, Audit, Watershed Coordination, Youth Coordinating Board and the Airport Working Group.
- Organics participation is 41% city-wide; higher in Kenny.
- The construction permit and Diamond Lake Rental has been extended for 60 days; further extensions will be considered if forward progress can be made. In addition, the owner has 10 days to show financial ability to complete the project.
- The first round of spraying for Gypsy Moth was May 11. This went well and was well communicated.
- 54th St construction is on schedule; increased patrols have been requested.
- Fulton Farmers Market starts on May 20.

Kenny Park Update: Nikki Friederich reported:

- Nikki will continue to trying to figure out how to get the air conditioner installed.
- As of 5/8, MPRB has become completely tobacco free on all park property. This is a policy and is not legally enforceable.

- Summer programs at Kenny Park are filling up fast.
- Gaga ball has been well received as a new activity at the park.
- Future events include the Ice Cream Social, Summer Festival and Movie Night.

Coordinator's Update:

- Ruth noted a burglary to an occupied home on Sunrise Drive.
- Ruth and Jason will work to create a Financial Policy and Procedures
- NCR has offered to better connect neighborhood organizations with NCR Access and Outreach staff; KNA would like to do this with a few representatives at a separate meeting.
- Garage Sales will be on June 3; Jenel and Nancy will deliver maps; Ruth will ask the Paquins to also help with deliveries.
- Housing Program Fee Increase: We have received notice from our housing loan program administrator, GMHC, that they will be significantly raising our administrative fees beginning June 1, 2017. We need to let them know by May 19 if we accept the new terms or want to discontinue our contract. The new terms call for a \$2,500 annual fee plus a 13% origination fee on each loan processed. For the Fix It Fund cooperative program that includes four neighborhoods, each neighborhood would need to pay the \$2,500 annual fee as they each maintain a separate Emergency Loan program. Ruth attended an informational meeting on April 20 and then a modified proposal limiting the origination fee to \$1,800 was received later. The Board discussed the proposal, the consequences of the increased fees and other options. Stu moved to withdraw from and discontinue the program; Branwen seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ruth will contact GMHC and ask if there is still enough time for a loan to process. If so, she will immediately advertise on social media.
- Nancy, Jenel, Jason and Ruth all attended the Future of Neighborhoods meeting on May 8.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Nancy Hoyt Taff, President

Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator