

**Minutes of November 20, 2018**  
**KNA Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Craig Anderson, Kevin Eisen, Nancy Hoyt Taff, Stu Nostdahl and Chuck Ott

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, Nikki Friederich and Brad Bourn

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.** There were no community comments.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October 16, 2018 KNA meeting were reviewed; due to a lack of quorum, the Minutes were not formally approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ruth reviewed the October Treasurer's Report. There was little activity this month; \$12,000 moved from checking to savings.

**2019 Financial and Projects Discussion:** The Overall Financial Summary was reviewed; the housing \$ has been updated.

- Metro Blooms: Kevin is coordinating a raingarden grant program through Metro Blooms. The Board agreed to announce the program and pick participants through a lottery draw for those who signed up before the deadline. If spots remain, they will be available by a first-come, first-served basis. Ten slots will be available with a projected project cost of \$6,700. Funds are already contracted and available within an environmental strategy for this program. In general, KNA will pay for administrative costs and the homeowner will pay for and install the plant material. We will announce the program in the February newsletter.
- The Community Garden is closed up for the season. There was one open plot, which was used as a community garden for herbs.
- Other 2019 programming will be discussed in the future. Board members will need to identify projects and create new strategies.

**2040 Update:** The two public hearings have been held. The Council will now offer amendments to be considered. Final vote is expected on 12/7.

**Southwest Master Plan:** Initial concept plans for Kenny Park were presented during the recent Design Week. There were two proposed plans- these are documents in progress and not final concepts. One design called for removal of the tennis courts with the addition of more Pickleball courts. Other concepts were an update to the pool, an expanded building and multi-sports fields. Ruth will try to get copies of these to share with the Board; Brad Bourn indicated that they should be available to the website.

**Minneapolis Parks Update:** Commissioner Brad Bourn presented:

- Brad Bourn is the District 6 Commissioner as well as President of the Park Board. There was a large turnover in commissioners in 2017.
- Kenny Park is slated for an update to the playground in 2020.
- The Neighborhood Parks Plan 2020 will provide funds to repair a lot of deferred maintenance and start replacing assets that are reaching their end of life.
- The previous Board was focused on infrastructure and maintenance; the current Board is focused on people and youth recreation and programming.
- Mary Merrill is the interim Superintendent of MPRB; interviews of 2 finalists will be next week: Al Bangora and Subhajeet Ghose .

- MPRB is in the middle of the budget process and are proposing a 5.7% property tax levy increase. With these increased funds they would like to increase youth programming, expand youth employment and support other youth initiatives.
- The Minnehaha Regional Trail Master Plan is in progress.
- The Southwest Service Area Parks Master Plan is in progress. This is a vision for capital improvements and outside amenities. Kenny has \$4K in park dedication fees that can be spent on NEW amenities. KNA also has \$25K set aside for park improvements.
- There is a neighborhood-based group researching milfoil removal on Lake Harriet. It is supposed to be harvested at 45%, but it appears highly unlikely that it has been done at that level. MPRB has committed to be checking the GPS records to determine what is actually being done.

**Kenny Park Update:** Nikki Friederich reported:

- They have started to flood the grass for the ice rink; please stay off it until it is completely ready and the boards are up.
- Fire on Ice will be 2/1- DJ, fire pit, s'mores, hot cocoa, etc.
- Winter and spring sports registration is open; volunteer coaches are needed.
- Kenny Park will have ice skating lessons on Saturday afternoons.
- KNA will make three ice skating "trainers" out of PVC pipe.
- The preschool program at Kenny is going great.
- There is a dance class on Tuesday afternoons.

**Open Streets Update:** Open Streets Lyndale has adopted the route extension as a permanent addition.

**Coordinator's Update:**

- Ruth presented research about newsletter printing and mailing costs; revisit this in January.
- The Welcome Kit program seems to have stalled and we are out of most supplies. We will revisit this in January and will need to identify a new coordinator for the program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Nancy Hoyt Taff, President

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Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator