

Kenny Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2019

Board Members Present:

Craig Anderson, Carol Martinson, Stu Nosdahl, Jenel Farrell, Anil Reddy, Jeremy Olsen, Nancy Hoyt Taff, Jason Cronister, Ruth Olson (staff member)

Guests:

None

Handouts:

July Agenda, June Minutes, June Financial Report, June Neighborhood Programs Report, 2018-2019 MPS End of Year Summary

Meeting called to order by chair, Carol Martinson at 7:00 pm.

KNA Board Administrative Business

- Secretary's Report: June's minutes amended to clarify that the gift recipient should be Mary Brozic
- Treasurer's Report: Jason believes he can get 2.9% return for a not-for-profit account via an online bank
- Coordinator's Report: No discussion

Move to approve reports/2nd = Stu/Jeremy. Approved

Old Business

- NCEC Election – July 17: Carol/Jenel as primary/alternates from KNA. 2 candidates have announced their candidacy for District 2 representation: Barbara Lunde (Linden Hills), Paul Junek (Windom). Positive impressions left by both candidates.
- Variance Review: 2 variances from last month discussed. 1 of them doesn't actually need a variance, other (curb cutout) does not warrant Board discussion
- Expectation of Board members going forward: to quicken pace of KNA Board meeting, review materials sent on Friday prior to monthly meeting; factual clarifications handled via email, discussion left for Tuesday Board meeting
- Officer's meeting held July 10: With new officers, desire re-evaluate Board responsibilities, or structure for re-evaluation: structure for Board meetings, role officers, consider adding communications officer, sustainability of financial model, sustainability of events, outreach & community survey, KNA Board proactivity expectations. Officers will refine the above in a follow-up meeting in August.
- Board retreat: Tentatively planned for early November where the above can be discussed with the entirety of the Board. Communicate updated responsibilities and expectations, new sustainability models, discuss next year's focus areas
- Standing program updates:
 - Superfund site: No update

- MPRB redesign: CAC voted down proposal to extend half-court basketball to full court in favor of saving a 60' tree. CAC had planned to be complete by now in assessing all proposed park changes, but not have yet to cover all parks' proposals. Parade Park in particular has had a lot of discussion owing to difficulties getting in and out of the neighborhood and competition for parking.
- 2020, 2040: For 2020, consultant called in to affirm that underrepresented communities have been properly surveyed on proposed changes
- Schools: Principal Gibbs will come to KNA Board meeting in September to share planned renovations to Kenny School for new lunchroom

Community Speakers and/or presenters

- Ward 13 Update: none
- Parks Update (Nikki Friederich): Fall Sports registration is open.
- Ira Jourdain, District 6 MPS Board Member:
 - District 6 bounded by Lake, 35W, 62, and Edina. 32% of the MPS student population
 - Bus driver shortage: higher wage, retention bonus. Effects: after school activities complicated, no Friday field trips
 - Other transportation: online app released for parents to track their childrens' bus
 - Funding: \$10M general referendum enables \$15/hr min pay for all MPS workers; \$12M technology fund referendum for classroom device tech, cell phones. State funding increased 2% (\$175/student).
 - In Comprehensive District Design (proposed):
 - There will be changes to class size, boundaries and placement choices, but this will more than likely not affect SW Minneapolis. 85-90% of students in SW Minneapolis go to their neighborhood and pathway school.
 - Lake Harriet Lower Campus will have six K classrooms next year; there is significant overcrowding. Ira is pushing to add a third floor to the school.
 - The District will need to balance programming; they are considering leaving it as is; splitting the city into two zones or splitting into four zones.
 - Justice Page Middle School would lose minority students from Green Elementary to Anderson Middle. Consequence is increased segregation in SW middle schools. Subsequently, since these students would be tracked to South High, Washburn would then lose additional funding, and thus programming (adding to recent loss of Title 1 funding).
 - No change to Kenny/Armatage tracking to Anthony, and onto Southwest High. However, Southwest is being considered for an IB Magnet School. There is concern that this will further segregate the high schools.
 - Poor communication between 2040 planners and MPS future planning for accommodating larger student population post-2040. Board asks that Ira provide summary to Newsletter requesting neighbor engagement on this topic, with suggestions for participation
 - Board also asks Ira to provide an additional pitch to include in the newsletter: ask parents to fill out free/reduced lunch forms at the beginning of the upcoming school year. Income threshold for reduced lunch is higher than many parents realize.

Ongoing Business

- Events
 - Ice Cream Social: No reschedule but come up with rain plan for next year
 - Festival: Ideally, additional volunteers needed for Carnival games. Prioritize games such that only as many games as available volunteers. DJ-announced activities. MC'ed by Nancy: 6pm: hula hoop, 6:30pm: limbo, 7:00pm: fun run. \$5 ice cream prizes. Several Board members will be available all evening, floating as needed to various stations.
 - Movie Night: noted that this is the night after National Neighborhood Night Out
- Programs
 - T-shirts / merchandising: branding and revenue stream opportunity. Tabled (possible retreat topic).

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

Motion/2nd -- Jeremy/Jenel. Approved, **meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.**

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Kickin' Back at Kenny Summer Festival: 7/25/19
- Movies in the Park: 8/7/19
- No August KNA Meeting
- Next KNA Meeting (at Kenny Park): 9/17/2019

Carol Martinson, Chair

Anil Reddy, Secretary