

**Kenny Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Isaac Accola, Craig Anderson, Jason Conister, Jenel Farrell, Carol Martinson, Chuck Ott, Anil Reddy, Nancy Hoyt Taff, Rachel Zahn, Ruth Olson (staff member)

Guests:

Dan WiersGalla, Dan Campo, Kate Campo, Jordan Nelson (Armatage Park coordinator), John Freude (Ward 13 Council Member Linea Palmisano rep), Casey Carl (City Clerk), David Rubedor (Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations for City)

Handouts:

January Agenda, November Minutes, November & December Financial Reports, January Programs Report, Ward 13 Report, January Kenny Park Report, 2019 Year End KNA Financial Summary, Board Retreat Report Back, Kenny 2019 Year-End Crimes Summary, KNA Fall 2019 Survey Summary

**Meeting called to order by Board Chair, Carol Martinson at 7:00 pm.**

Agenda Revisions and Additions

Community Comments: Campo purchasing Coldwell Banker & Enterprise Rental buildings & associated parking lots. Moving South Lyndale Liquors to these properties at 55th/Lyndale (tear down necessary). Plan to bring site plans next month's meeting, likely two story. Currently trying to understand constraints of zoning.

KNA Board Administrative Business

- Secretary's Report approved (motion/2nd by Chuck/Rachel)
- Treasurer's Report approved (motion/2nd by Jenel/Jason)
- Coordinator's Report: see handout (no questions)
- Old Business:
  - None
- Standing program updates:
  - Superfund site: Craig will make contact with MPCA requesting additional data collection, including in adjacent neighborhoods. Will offer to engage Windom, Tangletown, and Lynnhurst as needed, requesting that each make contact with their residents on behalf of MPCA.
  - MPRB redesign/Southwest CAC (Jenel):
    - 45 day comment period once plan officially released (this month). Park Board will amend as needed and vote on it (no public comment period following amendments).
  - 2020/2040:
    - No additional comment on 2020 (see min funding level under Ward 13 update)
  - Schools (Anil): This is a [link](#) to MPS's Comprehensive District Design webpage. There are numerous videos, studies, and summaries of past outreach to gather inputs.

## Community Speakers and/or presenters

- Ward 13 Update (John Freude)
  - Edina Art Fair and Open Streets Lyndale: No change to Open Streets date (June 7). Presently working toward compromise on signage and traffic accommodations
  - Neighborhoods 2020: \$25K is “current City policy” per Neighborhoods 2020 framework vote last year. This baseline funding level is also endorsed by Palmisano. Regardless of CURA report and recommendation, City Council will amend and vote.
- Parks Update (Jordan): See handout
  - Requesting \$250 to support Fire & Ice event (DJ, food, etc.). Approved by Board (motion/2nd by Nancy/Jason).
- Special Guests:
  - Casey Carl, City Clerk & David Rubedor, Director of Neighborhood & Community Relations for City:
    - 2020 Census (David): used to draw federal, state and local legislative districts, including Wards and potentially school districts. Used to guide distribution of \$800B in federal funds. Far less federal support compared to 2010 + elevated distrust of government. First time available online. Risk of being undercounted: children, renters, people of color, immigrants and refugees, college students, homeless, and people with fixed/low income. Children under 5 are the most undercounted group. Questionnaire available mid-March. Attempting to build grassroots network to share as much info as possible. Grants available to host events to raise awareness and/or help fill out census forms. WeCountMinneapolis.org and 2020Census.gov.
    - 2020 Elections (Casey): Presidential primary on 3/3, State primary on 8/11, and general election on 11/3. Can register people to vote at the hosted census events above. Citizens can check their registration status online (mnvotes.org). Presidential nomination primary (3/3): must declare your party affiliation to vote, and sign a loyalty oath. Data is not public, however both parties will get this info (voter and party affiliation). Early voting for the presidential primary has begun, continues through 3/3.
    - Community Connections Conference at the Convention Center on Feb 1. Material above will be covered, among many other topics.

## Ongoing Business

- Events
  - Open Streets: June 7th
  - Ice Cream Social: June 18th (25th as rain date)
  - Summer Festival: keep on 4th Thursday = July 23rd
- Programs and budget items:
  - Rain gardens: ask neighbors to contribute \$500 per rain garden for an annual max from KNA of \$8K for CY2020 (motion/2nd: Jenel/Jason). Use housing program income.
  - Security & safety grants: \$4500 for additional safety grants for CY2020 (motion/2nd: Jenel/Carol). Use “Traffic Calming on Grass Lake” funds from NRP Phase II.
  - Additional funds will be needed for ongoing admin.

- 21 day notice was given to the Board and affected parties that a Plan Modification would be needed to support the rain gardens, security rebates and ongoing administrative funding. A vote on the proposed Plan Modification will be taken at the 2/18/20 KNA meeting.
- Ruth's annual contract: Update contract for Feb 1, 2020 to Jan 31, 2021 at same hourly rate, up to 10 hours per week, but updated title to Executive Director. (motion/2nd: Nancy/Jenel)
- Bylaw updates (Stu): Not covered
- Board Retreat Recap: Report back from working groups included in handouts
- Neighborhood survey (Anil)
  - See handout for summary of results
  - Insufficient time to discuss community comments
- Communications (Rachel):
  - Recommend aggressively promotion of the community's favorite events – Open Streets Lyndale, Kenny Summer Party and Ice Cream Social on FB/NextDoor and newsletter, and share information about initiatives. Cadence for also engagement recommended.
  - On Next Door: engage and comment on neighbor posts (not controversial issues)
  - Possible tests: Promote a neighbor happy hour event in the Spring, repurpose newsletter human interest content, low-involvement community polls

#### New Business

- Dan WiersGalla nominated (motion/2nd: Jenel/Nancy) to join KNA Board, approved.

#### Adjournment

Motion/2nd -- Jenel/Nancy. Approved, **meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.**

#### Upcoming Meetings/Events:

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KNA Board Meeting – February 18, 2020, 7pm

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Carol Martinson, Chair

Anil Reddy, Secretary