

**Kenny Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Isaac Accola, Craig Anderson, Jenel Farrell, Stu Nostdahl, Richard Oknick, Chuck Ott, Anil Reddy, Nancy Hoyt Taff, Rachel Zahn, Ruth Olson (staff member)

Guests:

Jordan Nelson, Dan & Kate Campo.

Handouts:

February Agenda, January 2020 Minutes, January 2020 Financial Report, February Neighborhood Programs Report, DRAFT Plan Modification

Meeting called to order by Board Member, Acting Chair, Jenel Farrell at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Revisions and Additions

None.

KNA Board Administrative Business

- Secretary's Report approved (motion/2nd by Nancy/Rick)
- Treasurer's Report approved (motion/2nd by Anil/Chuck)
- Coordinator's Report: see handout (no questions). Annual report due mid-March.
- Old Business:
 - None
- Standing program updates:
 - Superfund site (Craig): MPCA sending letters to ~5 properties that did not respond. Craig to coordinate sending a copy of newsletter article on this topic to those properties (addresses to Ruth, who will formulate letter on KNA letterhead; Nancy/Chuck/Craig to approve personalized letters). Additionally, action for Ruth to share newsletter with adjacent neighborhoods.
 - MPRB redesign/Southwest CAC (Jenel):
 - Plan released, 45 day comment period has begun, and ends first week of April. Park Board will amend as needed and vote on it (no public comment period following amendments). Changes to take place over 20 years pending funding.
 - Kenny Park will be a soccer-focused field. Artificial turf (neutral relative to mowing with respect to pollution & outgassing). Pickleball striping will remain.
 - National trend: outdoor ice rinks are dwindling; nonetheless Armatage will have ice & softball
 - 2020/2040:
 - Ruth on Community Connections Conference: draft guidelines to be released 2/24. Mayor's community engagement representative stated that future community group funding will be contingent upon equity. Unaddressed is how less diverse neighborhood associations are likely to be

funded. Coordinators of Ward 13 met with Council Member Linea Palmisano to communicate that under current leading plans (NCR & CURA recommendations), it is likely that SW neighborhood associations would merge. Tentative date 3/24 for next Palmisano Presents forum may include a topic on this, i.e., how do neighborhood associations connect with their communities.

- Schools (Anil):
 - Much angst about Kenny Community school closing, but closing of Kenny is NOT on any of the proposed models. Additionally, Superintendent Graf has explicitly stated (verbal communication in CDD forum) that closing Kenny is NOT on the table. Concern about funding smaller Kenny is, however, unaddressed up to this point.
 - 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
 - No update this month (no rep present)
- Parks Update (Jordan): See handout
 - Jordan not aware of any plans to cut seasonal ice rink from Kenny prior to implementation of Southwest MPRB redesign.
 - 2/26 start of MPRB summer sports registration
 - Pop Up Parks (mobile traveler + Park staff): will be at Kickin' Back at Kenny. Has young kid-friendly games. Opportunity for KNA to phase out carnival games.
- South Lyndale Liquors Project:
 - Dan & Kate Campo update that plans are moving slower than he'd like. Will re-use, rather than raze, Coldwell Banker building. Structural engineers will gut and extend to Sinclair/Enterprise buildings (no drawings as of yet).
 - Planning for soil testing.
 - Just need a zoning change and don't officially need KNA approval: R5 (high density residential) to C2 (two-story commercial). This is a rollback to what it actually was previously. Campos have "nearly all" of Aldrich neighbors' approval.
 - Hearing date will be assigned after Campos submit packet to City for this request; submission planned in next week or two. Architectural plans, etc., can only follow this.
 - Four years remaining on current site lease, and thus move will not be made for ~3.5 years.
 - Motion/2nd to write a KNA letter in support of rezoning proposed by Campos (Rick/Nancy). Motion approved. Anil to write a letter in support, addressed to Campos. KNA to follow up with letter to use for rezoning hearing.

Ongoing Business

- Events
 - Annual Meeting Preparation (Ruth):
 - Census presentation and Q&A scheduled. Ruth won \$750 grant to promote Census awareness, specifically highlighting undercounted communities. Consider using Annual Meeting as a location to fill in census on WiFi.

- Location was advertised in newsletter.
- Rachel/Nancy/Carol/Ruth to meet separately to plan
- Programs and budget items
 - Plan modifications for rain gardens, security & safety grants, admin: Motion/2nd Phase II Action Plan Modification (Stu/Anil), approved.
 - Sustainable financial model (Anil/Stu): Table discussion for next month. Anil/Stu/Isaac to provide recommendation on Priority 1/2/3 line items from 2019.
 - Communications Plan and activities – Rachel plans to post shortened versions of census and upcoming events stories from newsletter.
 - Updates from Board Retreat working groups – submit in writing pre-meeting
- SW Consortium – Jenel has set up a workbook to identify Council Member Linea Palmisano’s goals and opportunities for feedback. Meeting scheduled for 3/9. Jenel to consider KNA Board initiatives into the workbook as a starting point for neighborhood engagement with Palmisano & her staff.
- Fundraising (Jason): postponed
- Bylaw review (Stu): no reason to name incoming chair as an official role

New Business

None.

Adjournment

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events

KNA Board Meeting – March 17, 2020, 7pm

Carol Martinson, Chair

Anil Reddy, Secretary