

Meeting Minutes 2/27/2023

Attendees

Board members and staff present marked with "X"

Ben Osborn – President	X	Allan Cummins – Vice President	X
Cory Schaffhausen – Treasurer	X	Ann Zawistoski - Secretary	X
Charity Huot Benedict (Staff)	X	Rhonda Fields	X
Bob Jorgenson	X	Andrew Verdin	X
Frances Roen		Nathan Sterner	X
Tess Korbesmeyer Holman	X	Michele St. Martin	

Guests: Greg, Dawn, Michael, Lindsey, Emily Koski

Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM. This meeting was held hybrid (in person and on zoom)

Agenda Item 1: Approval of January Minutes,

- January minutes approved

Agenda Item 2: Councilmember Koski Report

Councilmember Koski gave an update

- Thank you for the amazing Frost Fest event!
- Ward 11 calendar is up to date online
 - March 7 at Pearl Park, open forum
 - April is the Department of Neighborhood Safety
 - May is around climate and the environment
- Hwy 62 and Bloomington is still under construction and will be for next month
- Edgewater and Cedar intersection, investigation is still underway. Still seeking video or information.
- Winter Parking restrictions, still in one side parking restrictions.
- \$30 tree lottery is open through March. Large trees are available.
- Meeting with the developer at 52nd and Chicago on Thursday, March 9, next week.
- Passed a legislative directive to study (high level analysis) of city-led sidewalk clearing. Just analysis, not an implementation. Results in June. Will get feedback from residents after that.
- Gun violence is down significantly. Auto thefts are up. Largely juvenile rings. Kias and Hyundais. Especially cars left running with keys in them. Recommend purchasing a steering wheel club and never leave car running with keys inside
- Question: what to do if there is a problem from plowing? Use the 311 mobile app to report it, or email: Minneapolis311@minneapolis.gov, and cc the Ward 11 email, ward11@minneapolismn.gov.

Agenda Item 3: Neighbors to present on new building development concerns, Greg Barnett

- Tai, Ling, Greg Barnett, Lindsey Dickinson: all immediate neighbors of the proposed development discussed concerns about the development plan.
- Letter was written about concerns

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- All support need for housing, are but concerned about a large, industrial building, 4 stories, lack of greenspace, lack of space between building and lot, lighting, drainage, pets, foot traffic, parking, businesses on the bottom level without parking, access to garages, remediation of gas station tanks, hvac noise, overall feel and fit with the neighborhood.
- They did bring concerns to the city council, but the development checks all 2040 boxes, so it was unanimously approved.
- Would like to talk about color of the building and greenery.
- Same developer as the Lilypad at 36th and Nicollet, expect that it will be a similar development (except that Lilypad is 5 stories and this will be 4)
- Is there any way we can welcome the new neighbors to the neighborhood? Is there a guide we can offer. Want the neighbors to be invested in the neighborhood.
 - This fits well with the HPDL neighborhood goal to reach renters
- What can HPDL do to support the neighbors? We can help get the word out about the meeting. We can distribute the letter to our email list and invite them to the meeting. Charity will send that out.

Agenda Item 4: Painted Turtle at Lake Nokomis, Dawn

- This will be going into the Sandcastle space, hopefully in May
- Owners of Unleashed Hounds and Hops, and indoor/outdoor dog park that is a bar and restaurant
- focus on Unleashed is mostly in the winter, so will focus on Painted Turtle in summer
- Plans:
 - exterior will feature a turtle mural
 - expand the seating viewing the lake
 - no beer and wine license at the beginning, but hope to have it in June (will require upgrades)
 - upgraded landscaping
 - will have ice cream scoop shop
- 5 year lease with 5 year renewal option
- menu:
 - locally sourced products: LaLa ice cream, La Dona beer
 - classic American fare, with vegan and vegetarian options
- Will have weekly “Drink for a cause” events where 10% of proceeds will go to a charity
- Open to helping with other events like lake clean-up
- email: duremovich@unleashedhoundsandhops.com

Agenda Item 5: Southside United Neighborhood recap, Ben Osborn

- Charity, Ben, Allan, Cory, and Ann attended the meeting this evening

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- They are looking to put together a big funding proposal to investigate a feasibility study of sharing resources and staff and organizational efficiencies. Could include merger, but wouldn't necessarily include it.
- Recognize that city funding is unlikely to increase and that most neighborhood associations will not be able to continue with the current funding
- Believe that there is a better chance of getting substantial philanthropic funding if we band together so we have a larger impact area
- Listening phase right now. Driven largely by Seward, Longfellow, Nokomis East
- Ben and Charity will attend future meeting and will bring more information back to the board
- There will be more meetings that we can attend, Charity will share
- They are not asking a lot from us. Just for Charity to attend two meetings(2 hours) a month. Help with information sharing and brainstorming. Not a big lift for us.
- They made a presentation to US Bank, who had positive feedback.
- We are here to see how it goes, not committed, but think it's a good place to start.

Agenda Item 6: HPDL Plan Modification overview and vote, Charity / Ben / Cory

- Moving money from our NRP account. To get access to the money, we need an amendment to the plan.
- We asked to move the money to staffing and administrative accounts.
- This will buy us some time with the reduced city funding to keep the neighborhood
- We received 29 votes at Frost Fest. Unanimous yes votes.
- Board voted to approve the plan amendment to move \$90,000 to staffing and administrative buckets.
- Board voted unanimously at 8:06 pm to approve the plan amendment.
- We will need to do this again later this
- Last year's contracts have been closed. We have spent our budget.
- Cory update: hopes to have an update tomorrow. Will have a year-end infographic and calendar year quickbooks report. Working on short document explaining what was pulled from quickbooks to the infographic.

Agenda Item 7: Communications Update, Allan

- Communications committee met last week. Focus was putting together a newsletter. Also talked about website updates.
- Newsletter: Have content pulled together for the newsletter from many board members. Will start formatting tomorrow. Goal is to have it out in early April.

Agenda Item 8: Traffic Safety Follow-up report, Tess

- Tess testified at the Senate at a Pedestrian, Bike, and School Bus Safety presentation to the transportation committee. There was no bill associated with it.

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- Wrote an article for the newsletter about it

Agenda Item 9: Events

- Frost Fest recap. Good turn out, over 1,000 people.
- Participation of the school was key
- Lots of activities for everyone. Kids didn't want to stop sledding.
- Medallion hunt was popular and the medallion was found at 7 pm.
- Fat Bike ran a fat bike course. It was busy. They are interested in coming back and doing Picnic in the Park.
- Mark your calendars (these will be in the newsletter and on the website and postcard reminders will be sent):
 - Thursday: March 9 th : New Development Project Meeting: (has been approved on Feb 6 th) Virtual via Zoom: 6:30-7:30pm- Q & A
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81374529290?pwd=L0pqSnY1dnVaQVpaNDJ2NHRtL0Ztdz09>
 - Monday March 27 th : HPDL Board Meeting 7-8:30pm Hybrid
 - Every Monday Night @ 6pm-7pm: New Creations Mother Jeanette Fraizer Food Shelf Open 5144 13 th Ave South
 - Tuesday, April 4 th: Public Safety Meeting 7:00 PM-8:30 PM at Pearl Park Recreation Center
 - Monday, April 17, 2023: Black Voices Black Stories Book Club
7:00 – 8:30 pm (Virtual)
We will be discussing the book When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole.
 - Saturday, April 22 nd , 2023: Earth Day Clean Up and Expo at Pearl Park, 9:30-12:00am
 - Monday, April 24 th , 2023: HPDL Board Meeting 7pm-8:30pm
 - Saturday May 6th, 2023: Neighborhood Garage Sale, 8am-4pm
 - Saturday, May 13 th , 2023, Neighborhood Day Ice Cream Social, 3pm-4:30pm at Pearl Park
Yard games, Ice-cream, playground, HPDL Board Elections, connect with the neighbors!
 - Monday, May 22 nd , 2023: HPDL Hybrid Board Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm
 - Saturday, June 10 th: Community Connections Conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center, 8am-3pm
 - Every Wednesday Starting June 14 th - September 27th: Nokomis Farmers Market 5167 Chicago Ave., 4-8pm

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- Monday, June 26 th , 2023: HPDL Hybrid Board Meeting, 7:00pm-8:30pm
 - Thursday, June 29 th , 2023: Open Eye Theatre Puppet Show 7-8pm, Pearl Park
Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on.
 - Monday, July 24 th: HPDL Hybrid Board Meeting, 7:00pm-8:30pm
 - Thursday, July 27 th: 5:30-8:30pm, Picnic in the Park
 - Tuesday, August 1 st: National Night Out
(Plan with your block)
 - Monday, August 28 th: HPDL Hybrid Board Meeting-7-8:30pm
- Big events that will need board help are Earth Day and Garage Sale. Charity will set up a meeting to talk more about planning.
 - Picnic in the Park committee will need at least 3 board members. Will put a notice in the Newsletter calling for other committee members.

Agenda Item 10: New Business and Other Project Updates

- Volunteer sign up food shelf: sign up for volunteer
- Renters Initiative: letter for landlords to give to new renters about HPDL
- Black Stories Black Voices. New bookclub in April.
- Businesses interested in the facade grant: Chiropractic clinic, music lab, and possibly auto shop are interested.
- Businesses in HPDL Contact list. Was sent out in an email. Take a look and let Charity know if there are any updates.
- Neighborhood Day
- Seeds in the Seed Library. Seeds are there for plants that need to be planted soon: native flower seeds like coneflower. Need to go in the refrigerator to convince the seeds that they've been through winter. Vegetable seeds go out in March.

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm
