

Meeting Minutes 3/25/2019

Attendees

Board members and staff present marked with "X"

		Corey Schaffhausen	X
Jake Schwitzer- Chair	X	Ben Osborn – Vice Chair	X
Courtney Laufenberg (Staff)	X	Peter Reese	
Bob Jorgenson	X	Ryan Pulkrabek	
Brianna Thull - Secretary	X	Amelia Hennes	
J.D. Burton	X		

Meeting called to order: 7:00PM. Board meeting minutes for February were approved by the board.

Agenda Item 1: Minnehaha Parkway

Adam Arvidson spoke with the Board regarding the currently ongoing Minnehaha Parkway master plan project. The Park Board is working on a comprehensive master plan for the entire creek in Minneapolis. This is being done so that there will be a coordinated vision when devising on spending. The last master plan was done in the 90s, a new one is needed due to environmental changes. Because the Parkway is a regional park, they cannot spend money on improvements without a master plan. Feedback was gathered from the public on the parkway to see what areas need changes before winter, and multiple initial concept designs were based off that. After this phase closes in mid-April there will be meetings with the CAC and new concept designs will be based off all the feedback and the CAC meeting. There is a survey for feedback, if the link routes to the outdated survey, email Adam.

A major discussion point for HPDL is section 3.1 – Portland & Minnehaha. This section was highlighted for having multiple concerns relating to pedestrian, bike, and car safety, as well as localized flooding in the nearby area. There used to be a big meander north on the creek at this point. Proposal A for this section has a minimization of placement to help with some environmental concerns, and would meander the more to make it longer, which would allow the creek to flow slower and provide more water/flood storage. Doing this would help to reduce flooding in the area and increase water quality. Currently, water entering the creek here comes directly from storm drains and is untreated, so improving water quality is a noted concern. Proposal B would have the parkway not cross the creek and would provide a promenade along the south side. Both proposals attempt to address traffic and safety concerns while also improving the environmental health of the parkway area.

Other notable points on the master plan for the HPDL area would be 3.2 and 3.3. 3.2 addresses 12th and provides for significant remaindering and a cascading treatment system for storm drain outlets before the water reaches the creek. Proposals for 3.3 focus on Cedar and Bloomington and include remaindering, a storm water wetland, potential mountain bike trails, routing both pedestrian and bike paths under Cedar using a bridge or tunnel system, and some more play options.

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All voices for feedback are treated the same for the master plan development project. There is currently \$1.25 million dollars immediately available for improvements on the parkway, which is being held for when the master plan is completed. The master plan will include prioritization for where to focus funds. The planning process is not over yet and none of the current plans are set. Feedback will continue to be gathered through the process.

Council Member Updates

Council Member Jeremy Schroeder provided updates on things happening in the neighborhood to the board. The Cedar-Edgewater intersection is being looked at for potential improvements. There has been a 30-40% increase in traffic on Cedar due to 35W. Council Member Schroeder met to explore possibilities. Fat Lorenzo's needs to be included in the discussion, and currently everything is on the table. Council Member Schroeder is currently taking feedback on this matter. Currently he is working to identify hold-ups and maybe propose steps if there is no progress.

Agenda Item 2: Communications Committee

The newsletter is pretty much ready, it needs to be edited and Ben is going to help with the Brew N' Stew write up. The newsletter has a focus on projects happening in the neighborhood. Switching the domain for the website is proving difficult but is being worked on.

Agenda Item 3: Neighborhoods 2020

Other neighborhoods are reaching out with a letter proposing a moratorium on spending until a different plan is in place. The Board discussed whether to sign off on it or not. The process for establishing is long, and it is not clear where the city council is on the matter. There is fear that they may cut funding to the neighborhoods. The TIF districts which currently fund neighborhoods are expiring. Neighborhoods 2020 is not the funding. Council Member Schroeder is cautious about delaying 1 year as suggested in the letter, because this is not about funding. The vote on Neighborhoods 2020, which is a framework will be in April. The vote on funding will not be until next year.

If there is a pause, then the city council may need to vote on the framework and funding at the same time. The goal of Neighborhoods 2020 is to have something that can succeed. There is a call for more diversity and innovations from neighborhood boards, which needs to happen, but the process will take time. The board agreed to not sign the letter as it was already sent out.

Agenda Item 4: Housing Funds

There are currently four options for housing funds. Two were discussed with the board. The first would be to give money to the affordable housing loan program. This would take three years and come back with 1.5% interest. The returned funds from this would no longer be strictly tied to housing. This option would require no extra administrative work from the board. The second option would be to return to the housing grants as they had been executed. These were popular with the neighborhood, and other neighborhood

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associations had expressed interest in the program and appreciation of how successful it was for HPDL. The board does not need to decide on this yet.

Farmer's Market

The farmer's market will be starting in June and happening every Wednesday. They are currently looking for volunteers primarily for set up and tear down. This will be included in the HPDL newsletter.

Financial Review

The financial summary was updated to include the joint event with NENA, which was not included in the budget previously. The event will be in May/June the location is currently TBD but The Parkway is a potential.

Committee Updates

- **Picnic in the Park:** Pearl Park has some ideas for new things, including disc golf. A kiddy waterpark is being considered. The park is going to give away popcorn this year. Good for Gary is booked. Food trucks are being decided and there will be no beer this year.
- **Environmental:** The flyer was sent to the printer. And email will be coming for sign up.
- **Frost Fest:** none
- **Triangle Park:** This should hopefully be done soon.
- **Garage Sale:** This is quickly approaching and is very admin heavy. It was suggested that we don't do the garage sale this year so that funding can go to the NENA event. Social pinpoint was suggested instead of the admin heavy sign up process previously used. Corey will investigate this option.
- **Business Association:** None
- **Communications:** See notes above
- **Brew and Stew:** The last meeting was very good. The person working on entertainment is good. Artists are currently being sought, the park is locked down, judges for the stew competition are being reached out to, and the sponsorship search is beginning.
- **Housing:** See notes above

New Business

One of the utility boxes at 54th & Portland has been replaced. The estimate to have the box rewrapped is \$750. We are not sure why the box was replaced.

The NCEC (Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission) elections are coming soon. Our current liaison, Isaac, is running for re-election. Courtney will send out the date.

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Jessica has moved out of the Neighborhood. Jake was approved by the board to become President and Treasurer. Ben was approved by the board to become the VP.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55pm
