

Meeting Minutes 4/22/2019

Attendees

Board members and staff present marked with "X"

Jake Schwitzer – Chair	X	Courtney Laufenberg (staff)	X
Ben Osborn – Vice Chair	X		
Brianna Thull - Secretary	X		
Bob Jorgenson	X		
Cory Schaffhausen	X		
J.D. Burton	X		

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

Agenda Item 1: 35W Project

Steve from MNDOT attended with updates on 35W construction. The project is ongoing, biggest hurdle is utility crossings such as Xcel Energy and sewage lines. Next big change will be a traffic switch in the 3rd week of June, traffic will be moved away from southbound lanes. The way the project is designed means there will be closures. This will go for about a year, and then there would be another traffic switch. There is a Management of Traffic group that meets every week to talk about a lot of issues, and the conditions on Park and Portland comes up often. A lot of times the city representatives have the ability to change traffic light timing to try to help address changes in traffic volume. 65 is back open to downtown so that is another factor. 46th exits will close, so there may be increased traffic at the Diamond Lake exits. Noise barriers that are older will be replaced with this project.

Council Member Updates

Council Member Schroeder provided some updates. The 35W project is including environmental remediation and other beneficial things such as concrete recycling from things taken down in this project. CenterPoint energy is doing lots of utilities updates, the council member is pushing to be sure that there is consideration on the timing of these. Transportation action plan is receiving a lot of feedback, now is a good time to give feedback. Neighborhoods 2020 is still ongoing. Council Member Schroeder is working to be sure that neighborhoods are set up for success. Other neighborhoods are calling for a 1-year delay on the framework, which raises a concern that they would have to decide on this when the funding is needed to be decided on too. Neighborhoods 2020 would help outline how goals and requirements can be met, which would help increase support of neighborhoods. CURA is potentially willing to come in as a 3rd party with no investment to listen to neighborhoods and help work on modifying Neighborhoods 2020. A critique he has been hearing is that neighborhoods don't want to change. The potential delay is aiming to change so that increasing diversity is defined as to what it is and how and when it should be met. The framework is out, the comment period has ended. Cedar – Edgewater is progressing, they are reaching out to the county commissioner. They are going to re-do the counts on the road once Spring really hits.

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Agenda Item 2: Communications Committee

A shirt design has been decided on, the shirts will be a blue color. Website is still getting finalized but going well. The board started on some topics for the next newsletter. Discussion was held around how to recruit new members, potential methods for outreach, etc. Nothing solid was decided, and it will be discussed further via email.

Agenda Item 3: Upcoming Events

There are a number of events coming up that HPDL is a part of. There is a meeting on May 6th at 7pm on 35W. Mapping Prejudice is going to be May 21st at Lake Nokomis Lutheran. Board members are invited to attend these meetings if at all possible. There is an all neighborhood meeting this Wednesday 4/24 from 1-4, relating to 2020 because they want to have a presence at the May 6th City Council meeting. Courtney will attend this meeting to get a feel for it and will send a follow up.

Agenda Item 4: Picnic in the Park

Food trucks have been chosen; all have agreed to come. Registration forms for businesses have gone out for sponsorship. Disc golf is lined up, and attractions are being set.

Triangle Park

The park board has come back saying that it needs picnic tables. This may need to be funded by HPDL, despite past discussions where it was advised that the park board had some set aside. They are fairly expensive, and the board could either build them themselves, or pay to have the park board assemble them. Courtney will look into this further and follow up.

Financial Review

The financial summary has been updated again to account for some changes relating to Triangle Park, the housing money is still up in the air pending a decision on how to use it.

Committee Updates

- **Picnic in the Park:** See above notes
- **Environmental:** None
- **Frost Fest:** None
- **Triangle Park:** See above notes
- **Garage Sale:** Social Point is working, and signs will be kept at the park building this year which will help reduce administrative load. The Epilepsy Foundation will be taking donations this year.
- **Business Association:** None

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- **Communications:** See above notes
- **Brew and Stew:** Making steady progress on planning. All music has been chosen and is in budget. Businesses are being reached out to for sponsorship. Board members are encouraged to reach out to any businesses they may know. The goal is \$3k in sponsorships for the event. The artist community is also being reached out to for individuals who would like to sell at the event.
- **Housing:** Still undecided on what to do with funding. The board will weigh the options present at last month's meeting and try to make a decision next month.

New Business

- Several board members have left the board since last month, so the board is looking into ways to recruit more members.
- Relating to sponsorship recruitment for Brew N Stew, Ben proposed that everyone reach out to different business nodes in the neighborhood to start establishing relationships. There are sponsorship forms on the website for Picnic in the Park and Brew N Stew if needed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:48pm
