

# Meeting Minutes 7/22/2019

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## Attendees

*Board members and staff present marked with "X"*

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

Meeting called to order: 7:00PM. The meeting minutes from May and June were approved by the board.

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## Council Member Update

Neighborhoods 2020 – still controversial and up in the air. Question of where funding will come from and how much there will be is still major. Some neighborhoods want NCR gutted. Community solar hour went well and Council Member Schroeder feels positive about the future of solar in the neighborhood. Budget season is starting, but is still in early stages so it isn't clear yet what is going to be asked for. Traffic and safety on Edgewater is still being reviewed, speed traps aren't necessarily a potential because of limited effectiveness, but research and ideas are still coming. More progress and proposals should be coming in the next couple months. There are a lot of jurisdictional issues with who has control/power over this area of road. Conversations with the police have led to the idea that design changes could lead to an impact.

## Agenda Item 1: Water Issues

Council Member Schroeder stayed for this discussion. Subgroup meeting was had last week relating to water issues. As a board we're trying to figure out what our place is in helping advocate and understand water issues in the area and drive improvement. A potential option is looking at expanding or automating the weir at Nokomis. The board would like to know what could be done to help homeowners with flooding issues. Would opening the weir lead to less flooding in homes and lower the water table? What can the board do to help? How to be ready to act once the University study on the watershed district comes out? Council Member Schroeder let us know that the budget for this will be difficult, but keeping this issue in the front of mind and speaking about it can help. Making sure that there are very specific asks that can be brought to the table. Making sure that Public Works, who will have to deal with these issues down the line, have funding in place to help deal with that. This is also a multi-jurisdictional issue, which can be more complicated. Bob asked if permeable pavement has been proposed, per Council Member Schroeder that has been brought up and is being somewhat incentivized. The main issue with it is the cost. These type of issues will lead to raising taxes to raise more

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funding, or cutting funding from something else to get funding for the issue. It needs to be looked at holistically and long term.

## Agenda Item 2: Picnic in the Park

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Board members wandering through the crowd. Brainstorming questions for members to ask people. Ben will finalize questions and get them sent out. Courtney will have clipboards for everyone and Brew N Stew postcards to hand out. Cory will bring his camera. Ben is going to take tents etc to the storage space, Courtney will send an email out for people to help with taking other things back Thursday after Picnic.

## Agenda Item 3: Newsletter

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Cory sent out his article in advance, the board has agreed that it's very fair. No real word limit, just try to keep it concise, Courtney will edit if needed. If you have images to send, feel free. Hoping to have sent out early September.

## Agenda Item 4: Farmer's Market

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It was cancelled for weather last week. There is a chalkboard in place to help with community engagement now.

## Agenda Item 5: Brew N Stew

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On target, just about everything is set except sponsorships. Artist stuff is starting to come in. Committee has a goal to raise \$3k through sponsorships, so if anyone has any connections help would be appreciated. Courtney will send out pdf that can be used for this.

## Financial Review

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The finances were just updated. Nothing really of note. The two reallocations were approved. The picnic benches for Triangle Park are still being worked on, Courtney will follow up on it.

## Committee Updates

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- **Picnic in the Park:** See above
- **Environmental:** None
- **Frost Fest:** Date needs to be set, Courtney will follow up with one.
- **Triangle Park:** None
- **Garage Sale:** None
- **Business Association:** none
- **Communications:** None
- **Brew and Stew:** See above
- **Housing:** None

## New Business

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A new utility box wrap was approved, butterfly design and it is being made.

A date for the annual meeting needs to be set for October. Courtney will check with Pearl and see what availability there is for the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> and also on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

This is Brianna's last meeting as she is moving out of the neighborhood. A new secretary will be chosen next meeting.

Mario's is progressing, but still not sure when the new business will open.

A new storage solution needs to be figured out for the tents and stuff. The current one is not working out, we do not have a key yet for the current space. Public storage spaces will probably be like \$2000/year. There is someone in Tangle town/Kingfield area who has offered a space, but it would cost about the same. Hopefully will have something in place and stuff moved by mid-August.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:09pm**

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