

Meeting Minutes 10/24/2022

Attendees

Board members and staff present marked with "X"

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

Meeting called to order: 7:02 PM. This meeting was held in person at the HPDL office, with the option to join via zoom.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of September Minutes

September meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 2: Councilmember Koski Report

Councilmember Koski provided an update:

- Several upcoming events:
 - Community meeting tomorrow on intersection of Edgewater and Nokomis Ave at Nokomis Community Center (10/25/2022)
 - Hosting with Andrea Jenkins a South Minneapolis Senior Fair on 10/26/2022, including information, lunch, booster shots, blood pressure checks, several elected officials
 - Thursday meet-and-greet with public safety nominee
 - Mayor's 2023-2024 recommended budget public hearings coming up
- Recently launched new neighborhood traffic calming project; applications due by 12/1/22. Requests can be put in for places/intersections to evaluate to see if additional intervention (e.g., stop sign) is needed.
- City Council approved funds for tiny houses to address housing needs for unhoused individuals.
- Fire department received federal grant for 15 more firefighters.
- Organics recycling – pumpkins can be tossed in organics can. Doesn't need to be bagged (but remove candle.)
- Street sweeping is ongoing. Yard waste pickup was extended.

Agenda Item 3: Neighborhood Support Specialist (NCR) – Aryca Myers Update

- Aryca introduced herself and NCR.
- Periodically, NCR conducts board representation survey. This was supposed to happen in 2020, but was postponed because of the pandemic. Aryca asked all HPDL board members to fill out demographic survey. (All other boards and commissions across the city will be asked to fill it out as well.) Paper surveys were distributed to board members attending in person; an electronic survey link was provided to board members attending via zoom.

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- Information will be compiled by end of November. Charity will send a link to Board members not present at tonight's meeting and it should be filled out by end of November.
- Survey information is used to ensure that decision making is representative of Minneapolis population.

Agenda Item 4: Finances Update

- Cory sent out link with spending update, and request to suggest spending priorities.
- Have ~\$40,000 to spend by end of year. Spending will include future rent, supplies for Picnic in the Park, graphic design for future events. Moving rent for 2022 will allow \$4,000 to go back into NNF fund.
- Andrew is reaching out to inquire about translating website to other languages.
- Could use board members to research HPDL swag, prepaying permits for Picnic in the Park 2023, and/or banners.
- Charity has several items ready to purchase, pending board approval.
- Additional ideas/items can be added to the spreadsheet, ideally with a link.
- Allan suggested having vote to approve overall amount of spending, allowing for flexibility within spending caps. Ben called for a vote; Allan moved that we approve spending limits as presented in spreadsheet. Cory seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Equitable Engagement Plan Update

- Charity shared updates with board by email and submitted plan. The focus will be on renters and BIPOC residents of HPDL.
- Activities will include continued focus on relationships with New Creations Church and food shelf, as well as with Black Voices Little Free Library. To engage renters, Charity will have letter for landlords to share with new tenants when they move in. Stronger relationship with the church might include each of 12 board members volunteering to take a month to serve in food shelf. Charity will create a sign-up sheet for tabling event for food shelf.
- Equitable Engagement Plan provides up to \$35,000 in neighborhood funding, with \$5,000 specifically devoted to engagement activities (remaining funds are for general operating expenses.)
- Changes can be made until the end of this week, at which point Charity will submit the plan.
- Board discussed and asked clarifying questions about plan, including how goals will be measured and evaluated. Edits were made to the plan during discussion with involvement of board.
- Ben made a motion to submit the application, with change to remove occupancy from budget because that will be prepaid, and add \$4,000 to supplies in NNF budget. Allan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Annual Meeting and Bingo Plan and Update

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- Charity called for nominations of community members who should win an award, as well as ideas for what the award should be. Ben will look into ideas for the award itself.
- Charity also asked for volunteers to help with awards and bingo the night of 11/16/22 at 7pm. She also asked for a volunteer to update the slideshow.
 - Allan volunteered to call out bingo. Ann and Carrie also volunteered to help.
- Charity asked for ideas for bingo prizes, e.g., gift cards for neighborhood businesses.

Agenda Item 7: Frost Fest Update

- Booked for Friday, 2/10/23 from 6-9pm.
- Some food trucks are already booked. Charity has been communicating with PTAs of Hale and Field for luminary story walk.
- Board members should send Charity ideas for events/activities/contacts.

Agenda Item 8: New Business and Other Project Updates

- Give to the Max day is 11/17/22 (the day after the annual meeting). That information, along with new QR code, will be sent on flier with annual meeting.
- Received façade grant and will start reaching out to businesses for exterior improvements.

Meeting adjourned: 8:31pm
