

FRRNG Board meeting Minutes November 28, 2007

FRNNG Board Meeting – November 28, 2007

Location: Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

Full Board: 1830 – 2000

Facilitator: Sean Conley (via teleconference)

Notes Recorded by: Sverre Gropen

Staff Present: Erica Graber-Mitchell

Board members present: Sean Conley (via teleconference) Tom Arneson, Sandra Smith, Jane Kaiser, Sverre Gropen, Gerry Sell, Gary Johnson, Stearline Rucker, Mike Nichols, Kim McCoy, and Val Gunderson, Sue Redepenning, Roy Vanderwerf, Barbara Harris

Board Members not Present: Karen Pratt, Sara Buchwitz, Paulette A. Wilson, Jeff Wells,

Other Present: Brian Kelley, Laura Fryberger, Jim Hasnik

Quorum was reached

Welcome, Introductions, Open Forum

CEE (Center for Energy and Environment), Jam Hasnik

- In the attachment is the loans that they have done and some pamphlets
- Been here since 1998, 13 other neighborhood groups
- History is in the handout
- Minnesota energy challenges
 - Car poling, Short Showers etc.
- Map is for NRP program 670 loans see handout
 - \$1.3 mill
 - Total improvement is \$4.4 mil
- Program income
 - Deferred program and interest
 - \$74 000
- 10 to one in improvements
 - \$74 000 in money invested and \$750 000 in improvement
 - 37 outstanding loans
 - Potential in program income 154 000

- 3500 in income from interest alone if no loans are ended early
- The rest of the money is in the deferred loan if people leave before the 10 years

Brian Kelley – All About Family

- Working with the neighborhood the last 3 years
 - All about family
 - He is 100% volunteer
- Been here(south Minneapolis) a long time
 - 3 generation
- Focusing on building with family
- Every year FRNNG has invested a little money for supplies for an event
- Revolving relation's with businesses for supplies and money etc
- He gets about 4 times as much money as we donate
- Families and community together
 - Family
 - Arts
 - Partnership with Lego
 - Discount with Lego
 - Building historic buildings to scale
 - One building in particular was of a church in Fergus Fall
 - Exhibit the model for 5 months at the history center
 - Looked like million bucks
- Brian compounds the donations
 - Food supplies etc.
 - Get other companies to sponsor raw materials
 - In example a silk project he did last year
- Could use more but is asking for 4X 100 dollars per year
- Started with 1 son and dad interaction
 - Grew to Several Families
- Washburn tower is a great piece
- He used to teach a Lego architect program prior
 - Kids don't know they are learning
- Train depot model at the Nokomis library
- 300 families a year goes through the program
- All about family matched the donation last year

Laura Fryberger – 2008 South Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair

- New housing fair coordinator for 2 months
 - The fair is in it's 14th year

- Sells out every year
 - Is free
 - 2000 attend
 - March 8th at South High School
- To get support and tell about the fair
- The Fair is a link to the neighborhood
- Changing it up
 - All the neighborhoods are represented this year
 - 1 years past they used to rely on volunteers or monetary support
 - This year active groups gets an add and more influence
- Connect with other groups and get prices
- Stearline has been to 3 committee meetings
 - Somebody from FRNNG housing committee is on the Fair committee
- Communication for the fair has to meet the copy deadline of January 4th
 - Up to 300 words
 - She (Laura) will send the information before then

Jane Kaiser – Treasurer, FRNNG

- Estimated the expenses just to give us an idea to the end of the year
- Went to the NRP meeting and it was a bad meeting
 - More why it happened and not how to fix it or what is coming in the future
 - Go forward with fund grant writing
- Forward the budget for next year for all the groups
- Would like to meet with the finance committee
 - The finance committee is not defined
 - Define the finance committee
 - She suggest that the committee should be
 - Treasure
 - President
 - 1st president
 - That is the defined as the committee minimum in the by laws
 - It is in the by law that there has to be a member form the community on the comity as well
 - Sign the banking statement should be the 1st president
 - 1st president should sign it and pass it on to the treasurer
- Pop communication want an auto pay
 - What is if there is no money in the bank
 - Our bank balance is never that low
 - Around \$100

- Jane sees no problem with it
- Get a discount 10% for doing it
- Save on postage
- Good if somebody is gone
- Get advance notice so we should be good
- A checked bounced because we did not get the money from NRP in time

Neighborhood Representatives Committee Reports - Pertinent Updates and miscellaneous

- Only 1 committee update sent out before the board meeting
 - That is bad
- Nothing from Finance
- 46th street bridge update from Barb
 - No presentation
 - All tables with pamphlets
- Update from Sean on 46th
 - Transit hub
 - Spring of 2009
 - Ramps
 - This year
 - Bridge
 - Delayed until next spring/March/April
 - Ramps will be closed in 2 weeks
 - And diamond lake ramp will probably be closed

Current board Issues (ACTIONABLE)

- **All About Family**
 - Vote on support is the only
 - Where is the money coming from
 - Not full committee for all the groups
 - Issues had dwindled down for Roy
 - A full planning session with all the committees etc and see if we should regroup
 - Close to home there is elections
 - Want a planning and strategy meeting in January
 - Input from others
 - Notation committee
 - Gerry has chaired for around 30 years
 - 1st present, neighborhood reps, secretary are up for Election
 - Discuss more in January
 - Month of uncomfortable discussion according to Sean
 - Finances
 - Spread around the NRP money
 - Realignment of the money from NRP should be discussed

- Erica will set up the date
- Read some of the by laws at every board meeting to familiarize the board on them
- By laws is on the web

- **Friend of Northrup Group**
 - **Supporting Hiawatha Leadership Academy (HLA)**
 - More then 3 people on their committee
 - What could look good for the neighborhood
 - Hiawatha email
 - They are looking at a couple option, Northrup is one option
 - 30 people in the neighborhood sign a letter of support
 - This is the best option
 - Could the board support HLA
 - not as the only option but good option
 - HLA has been very open with us at FRNNG
 - Very impressed with their program and finance reports
 - Looks very good
 - It is now at St. Joan of Arc.
 - They have the budget to rent it currently and at a later date buy it (The closed Northrup School)
 - They will grow in the near future
 - They now have 130 kids and wants to keep adding grades
 - 1 year contract with t. Joan
 - Augsburg audits them and al the test scores are open
 - Sounds good
 - Will Vote for support
 - By way of a letter
 - Will add to the voting

- **Parade / Festival committee development**
 - Silent action parade etc
 - Chair person for these things
 - Mike has agreed to be the main chair person for media slate committee
 - Erica wants to be the communicator
 - Chairing the parade or the silent action, parade and games etc.
 - Tons of info on what is usually done with the parade
 - Bands etc.
 - Chairs outside the board maybe
 - Kim volunteers to chair the parade
 - She would like Sulley Gilbert to help out
 - Silent actions
 - Have a list of vendors
 - And give people a list of a few businesses to call
 - YMCA give some cards caribou coffee
 - Stearline will work on silent actions
 - There is no need to vote for temporary committees
 - Mike is chairing media Committee

- **Constant Contact**
 - Here has been a lot of hits on the web site
 - It is a good way to contact to people
 - \$12-15 a month for it.
 - Could be a very good way to communicate

- **Crisis nursery etc**
 - **Inez is alleged to have done**
 - Contact businesses on the behalf of FRNNG
 - Solicitation
 - Checks are being made out to FRNNG
 - She is trying to get the money to buy the land
 - **The boards thoughts about the issue**
 - The running cost of the crisis nursery
 - Maintenance
 - Liability issue with the crisis nursery – insurance
 - The money that Inez has Solicitated using FRNNG's name will hurt future donation opportunities
 - Send a cease and assist letter to Inez to stop using our name
 - We need a written record of her to stop
 - The board will not reconsidered buying the Nursery
 - Stearline says we should buy and sell
 - It is not possible
 - Vote on cease and assist letter
 - Sean will inform Inez that she should not to use FRNNG name to solicit donations
 - **Vote is Yes**

- **Emergency preparation**
 - Falcon height system in case of emergency we should do something similar
 - The first responder should be your neighbor
 - Should form a committee?

- **Miscellaneous**
 - Point system to build a house
 - Sub standard houses is built but it is OK since it met 15 points
 - Pam Gordon is contacted
 - Table discussion until Jan

- **Admin issues**
 - Credit card to be revisited in January
 - Any time a committee ask for money a member should be present
 - **Vote yes**

Voting:

1. Approval:
 - i. *Financial Report*
 - ii. *October minutes*
 - iii. *Supporting Hiawatha Leadership Academy (HLA)*
 - *Letter*
 - iv. *All about Family*
 - *\$400*
 - v. *Constant Contact*
 - *\$12/month*
2. Denying
 - i. *Nothing*