

FRNNG Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2009

Location: Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church

Full Board: 1830-2000

Facilitator: Board President Stearline Rucker

Minutes Recorded By: Shelley Nystrom

Board members present: Kirk Anderson, Tom Arneson, Shannon Guernsey, Shelley Nystrom, Mary Overzet, Sue Redepenning, Stearline Rucker, Sandra Smith, Wade Warner

Others present: Matt McElrath-Watershed High School, Jerry Selb-Community Member, Scott Hansen-Wells Fargo, Don Pflaum and Bob Byers-City of MPLS, Bikeway Plan

Board members not present: Corey Hample, Kim McCoy, Karen Pratt, Tony Pavelko, Kelly Russell, Gina Di Maggio, Jon Drewes

Welcome to Community Members Introductions of Board Members Community Member Open Forum

Matt McElrath, Watershed High School. Visited meeting two months ago, lease was signed as of July 1, construction is almost completed and school has started. 90 to 100 students. Successfull in the neighborhood.

Grand opening, in the coming weeks. Flyers around the immediate neighborhood, maybe a BBQ in the parking lot. National night out used our parking lot. Core value is service, would like to expand and been talking beyond schools whoever is looking for some student volunteers. A new law, it is a requirement that all charter members have an at large member to join the board. Looking for a treasurer also and maybe a board chair. Ten year lease, with two five years following.

Sandra- Noticed that the students were out front smoking on a couple occasions and the field students were outside at recess, not a good thing for them to be seen. Didn't have a dean of students, and now is working as dean and has addressed the

situation. Addressed the continual use permit. In the end we have to be apart of the neighborhood. No smoking on campus, and even off campus, even past our jurisdiction, no one likes to see HS kids smoking. This will not continue and will follow up. Looking at an off campus lunch time.

Oakland Methodist Church has a tutoring program they may be interested in. Look for year long commitment and some people who do it have been doing it for years so it is a big commitment and there is one space open.

Jerry Selb - Couple announcements. SCBA festival is on Saturday. FRNNG, will be in front of the Pumphouse Creamery. The old St. Thomas church has evaporated its' happy hour, Wed the 23rd at 10 at Joan of Arc.

Scott Hansen- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

Reverse Mortgage Product, works with Seniors. Been in the business for 23 years and loves this product. Service several banks, including 48th and Chicago. The reverse mortgage gives seniors access to their home's equity in order to increase income, reduce debts, while never having to make monthly payments for as long as they are in the home.

Must be 62 or older, must be the primary residence, customer retains title, tax free loan, does not affect social security or medicare, no credit/income requirements- Seniors qualify by age and having equity in the home. Government insured, non recourse loan. Can never owe more than the value of the home or leave a family member in debt. No personal liability to repay the loan. NO required monthly payment. Closing costs, while higher than a forward mortgage, are not paid until the loan is paid back.

Who shouldn't do a reverse, if you are going to sell in a couple years. Some do not want to use their equity. Offer self as a resource, talk to Seniors everyday, in home or in bank, whatever works.

Don Pflaum and Bob Byers-City of MPLS, Bikeway Plan

City's bike master plan map, what's not shown is the void space. Money is available with this project. Using own funds and forces to do this. Talking about re-stripping the spaces used on the roads, not changing the roads or parking situation. Reallocating how the space is used. Talking with the city how to do this. Seal coating maybe and then repaint. Collaborative effort. Would like to bring

concept out to the neighborhood and talk about it in an informal fashion. Maybe FRNNG could give some advice and support, direction on how to do this. How to get this information out, newsletter? Running out of time this year. The seal coat can only be done when it's hot so maybe next year. Not an extensive project to do the coating and the painting. Next summer project? Pretty quick time frame to get this done. Unique circumstance and time to work with hood.

Want to take advantage of newsletter. Greening committee is someone to go to, some mailings will go out. Possibly use one of the mailings. Some funding to do mailing, maybe? Talking about funding in terms of work itself. Taking a lane out of Portland to do this, making it a two lane with a turning lane in the middle. Could make the road operate even better.

Put together who, what, when, where how and how it would benefit our neighborhoods and get the information to Kirk and when can try to get it on the website. Address where you would like feedback to go about this. A lot of bikers in this neighborhood and it's very involved. Will get information passed on to Kirk.

Financial Update

Sterline Rucker for Kelly Russell

Need to vote and get money moved into account. We have a quorum present and will be able to vote.

Move that we vote to implement all remaining appropriations for :

Strategy 1.1.A.4-Implement 48th and Chicago Vision

Strategy 2.1.A.1-Publish Newsletter

Strategy 2.1.A.2 -Neighborhood Website

Strategy 2.1.A.3 -Welcome Packets

Strategy 3.2.A.2 - Senior Help-line

Strategy 3.4.A.21- Planning, Monitoring Oversight, Citizen Participation

Strategy 3.4.A.3- Community Events

Strategy 5.1.A.4-Alley Clean Up Day

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Strategy 3.2.A.1- Teen Job Opportunity Fair

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Executive Director's job description-

New paragraph to be added to the new job description.

It is understood that this is a part time position. Should the director have other employment it will not conflict with these duties. It is expected that the director will disclose this information to the board and they shall decide if there will be a conflict of interest.

Committee/Neighborhood Important Updates

Communications committee website update- Kirk Anderson. Board members: please bring 2 recommendations for the website

Energy Efficient cities program update-Gina ,Shannon for Gina

Items should be in news letter for the CEE. Jan and Feb 20th of each month for meetings. Greening committee met, two more things happening, one member who wants rain barrels at discounted prices and hoping to have sign up sheet. Two different types available. Pursuing community garden idea.

SCABA Fall festival update- Sandra

Sterline will be there early, leave stuff in the office. Sign up sheet for rain barrel. How many people we can get that are interested in getting them. Will greening be there at the table. One of the members will be there, he knows about the barrels. Only share date about night on 48th. Do we have extra tables- only have 5.

Silent Auction update-Mark/Shannon

A lot of great feedback. Two possible dates in April. Joe wants to lean towards the 17th and not sure if we are competing with something else. Spring fling is usually in March so will not compete with night on 48th. Our Lady of Peace has an event that takes place around the weekend after easter on a Saturday. Go with the 17th leave the 24th as a backup. Mark is a co-chair.

Shannon is not providing space for product in housing committee. No wells fargo reference? Good information, how to get it out. More clarification from NRP if a business wants to talk about it and what it looks like, generic, etc. Talk about reverse mortgages period. NRP has clear guidelines on this sort of stuff.

Action Items (new items needing discussion during board meeting and require vote, may add more dependent upon Discussion Items)

Education Committee request for \$2000 from somewhere, not specifically from Community and Safety- Tom Arneson

It can be from anybody. We received two requests that relate to the strategy for art in the comm. One from Field, a grant we approved earlier, 1,000 to help fund the peace garden and most of that went to provide the cement for the actual construction of the peace sign. What was in the proposal then and now relates to perennials and have come back with 700 to 1000 has already been expended to Terry Zig. Have 700 left in that project, 2400 had been allocated previously, 700 went to Hale which we supported a Northern Clay Proposal and then approved 1000 to peace garden. The education comm. Approved the 700 dollars.

Second proposal from hale the Northern Clay Center, if they approve the 700 for Field

Discussion that was had when viewing both proposals, with respect to field is both in our community and our kids attend that school, that proposal came in earlier than hale did, we previously supported the hale garden and we think that as a community it is important to support Hale even though it is out of our community but our children do go to that school

700 dollars to Field. Could get this under contract. Consider re-allocation of 2000 but now it's the 700.

That's the reason for the request. Community and Safety was not meant to be called out.

Contingent on funding coming from C& S: fund a \$700 request from Hale School Peace Garden- Northern Clay Center artist in residence program

Consent Agenda (weekly routine items sent out PRIOR to board meeting that need no further discussion at board meeting)

Acceptance of the August Financial Report
Approval of the August minutes
Field school request to fund peace garden: \$700

New Business (major issues may be delegated to the proper committee or pushed to a future board meeting)

Stearline, old email MSN- can't get into it. Geek squad set up new email.
HYPERLINK "mailto:stearline.rucker@gmail.com" stearline.rucker@gmail.com

Board Training, part 1, Robert Thompson, NRP

Why do we have boards and governance. Overall responsibilities of the board.

Why have boards. To maintain public trust in our organizations. With non profits to maintain public trust lies with the board. It's their job, and what they do. How do we do that. 6 basic functions. Governance. Mission Statement. Planning and Evaluation. Establish Policy. Gathering Resources. Troubleshooting

Public Trust is why we have board and we hear a lot about governance and what is governance. What do we think, managing a checklist. Basic functions, tasks that we do as a board- listening to the community, financial reports, what are committees doing, getting the minutes. Great book about Governance, Governance as Leadership- the author as a good concept

Three levels of Governance. Fiduciary level. Strategic, and Generative.

Fiduciary is very bureaucratic, going through the check list, hierarchical. How is it performing, doing what we are supposed to do. What's wrong, what do we need to fix. Try to come to some resolution. Monthly basis work, ritualistic, basic, routine function.

Strategic. Board is acting less bureaucratic, looking forward, open ended questions . more analytical and visionary, looking down the road. Who are some of the partners we want to work with down the road, episodic, how are we doing. Encourage boards to set aside time to spend time looking back and see how we have been doing and then look ahead and see what we need to accomplish. Not on a regular basis. What you are looking at is comparing yourself to other organizations- benchmarking compared to other organizations.

Generative. Creative work, Non rational- boards doing this are basically having more fun. How do we make this organization the best possible organization and the fundamentals of how you do your work. The learning function and thinking things differently. Mode of leadership- not just inheriting the organization but how do we make it the best. Making sense of things. Add value and meaning.

Kryle's book- talks about three modes of community planning and talks about getting input from the community, then bring all this in and stuck with so much information. What do you do with it. Part of the board is to make sense of it and to see what does this really mean. One thing to collect data but another is to make sense of it. Good community leaders don't just analyze it, but they reticulate it for the community. Being a real sense maker. What does all this information mean.

What are we fundamentally dealing with. When doing this type of work it can be robust and playful. That is when you are thinking things through. This type of work can occur at any time- generative. Spontaneous and fun.

People join to make it a better place to live, to be involved. Help each other out. Some groups get stuck into the Fiduciary mode. Groups that do the generative thinking makes real improvements for the neighborhood. Ultimate community power. Does the community have it's power to determine their future? Mobilize the resources, skills to really help the community, that's what it's all about.

Generative communities. Steven's Square, always having fun. Brainstorming. Won a united nations award.

Lyndale also has some won some awards. They ask some great questions when hearing proposals from committees so everyone knows what is to be expected. So committees know what's expected of them.

Will come again in November.

Kirk. Updated information for website, email to Kirk. Don't see our website serving to a government source, either update or take it off. Referral to other websites is key.

Agenda Approval

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4. Approval of check request form to be used
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