

## **FRNNG Board Meeting Minutes**

October 21, 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, Kim McCoy, Shelley Nystrom, Tony Pavelko, Karen Pratt, Sue Redepenning, Stearline Rucker, Sandra Smith, Wade Warner

**Others present:** Don Pflaum and Bob Byers-City of MPLS, Sue Filbin-proposal, Kristen Whittenbaugh- Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Board members not present: Jon Drewes, Corey Hample, Kelly Russell

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### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Welcome to Community Members**

**Introductions of Board Members**

**Community Member Open Forum**

### **Introduction of office volunteers**

Kristen Whittenbaugh, Mary Ellen Mueller and Barbara White

Volunteered to cover two days a week to answer phone calls and keep the office running

### **City of Mpls- Don Pflaum and Bob Byers**

Attended meeting last month and spoke about the bike lanes between the creek and 46<sup>th</sup> on Portland and Park Ave. They are County roads and the county is taking the lead and the city is supporting.

Map showing possible bike paths. Changing Portland and Park to two lanes with middle turning lanes. Issues are at the parkway, a lot of discussion about this issue. Take this out to the residents and get some input.

Will bring this to neighborhood forum and want to get info into the newsletter.

### **Financial Update** Kelly Russell – Treasurer, FRNNG, Led by Stearline

Try to use memo line in ledger to indicate what money was used for

## **Committee and Representative Reports**

### **Communication Committee – Kirk Anderson**

Mike has been updating the website, names and links are updated  
Will keep working on that and if you want anything on the website, get it to Kirk,  
Should be updated on a weekly basis but if it's important can put it up ASAP.  
Like the simplicity of our site, just need to get the information behind it.  
Google group set up for FRNNG and is full of SPAM so trying to cleaning it up so it's a  
forum the residents can use.  
Set up a Facebook page for FRNNG.

### **Community and Safety Committee – Kim McCoy**

At the Sept meeting Sue R. put out a new policing plan. Idea is for the neighborhoods  
to come up with ideas of how to make your neighborhoods safer.  
Sue came to meeting with crime stats and they grouped together with their  
neighborhood. Identified top three categories, and burglary is at the top and each  
group identified strategies to prevent crime in the future. There will be a written  
summary of the meeting.

### **Sue Filbin- A NEWS Event. Neighborhood Entrepreneurs With Something**

A proposal for an event held in Feb, 2010. Networking, meeting neighbors, selling a  
service, and create community etc. Curious to see what else is out there. Present to  
the business committee. Maybe be held at Field School, wouldn't have to pay.  
There is a link on website to get in touch with business committee.

At the SCABA meeting there was talk about the recent robberies at small businesses,  
there has been a number of hold ups in the middle of the day also some car break-in's  
around 48<sup>th</sup> and Chicago.

### **Education Committee – Tom Arneson**

After further review, the Education comm. has \$4,200.  
Proposal that was received from Hale School that the Education comm. approved  
contingent that there being funds available at the Sept meeting, coming back and  
approved the board 700 dollars, funding the same program that the board funded last  
year. The Hale/Field foundation is putting in half. Involves the northern clay center  
working with the art teacher, teaching the classes and developing the gardening and  
artwork to the south of Hale.

### **Business Committee – Cory Hample**

**No Business Committee meeting**

### **Housing Committee – Shannon Guernsey**

Rate changes on fix up funds

Was to have a report from the CEE and will talk about partnership with Greening. Women build are in Field neighborhood. Dedication on Saturday at the habitat house. 1 p.m. which is at 46<sup>th</sup> St across from Field School. If someone could attend to get some photos for the website.

Next meeting is 11/2- because of the change of the director will change the location also. Sister Sludge is the new location.

Note- camera needs new memory card

### **Greening Committee – Gina Di Maggio/Tony Pavelko**

Working on community garden, engage the interest of the residents. Workshop that is being held by Gardening Matters, 11/5, at Sebahany Community Center. Free event. Look into garden at St. Joe's.

Rain barrels. At discount price, will sell them to the residents, figuring out the details

### **Parks Committee – Sandra Smith**

City has OK'd all the plans that the parks committee has chosen and are in the process of getting it done. For kitchen, tennis courts

### **Regina Representative – Jonathan Drewes**

Not present

### **Field Representative – Wade Warner**

No report

### **Northrop Representative – Sue Redepening**

Mary Overzett has resigned and is working on finding some names. Mary's name was submitted for a citizen award for her work after the tornadoes. She was a first responder. This Sat, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 10-12 at St. Peter's church. In Jan her group will be given individual citizen awards for notifying the neighbors.

People coming to people's doors asking for money, saying their cars were broken down, more than usual and late at night, be aware

### **Discussion Items led by Stearline Rucker, President**

### **Conformation of residual funds left in the Education Committee Budget**

**Energy Efficient Program – Discussion led by Shannon Guernsey and CEE Representative**

Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> after housing meeting. Have the place secured and the time secured. Will get more information next month.

**Night on 48<sup>th</sup> Street – Discussion led by Shannon Guernsey/Mark Scnell**

The theater presents an issue. How to proceed?

Mon-Thurs- night, have It there on a weeknight

Change location- miss out on movie

Mentioned that the tickets could work together and would get a discount if we did a Saturday night

If we used the third option, the time wouldn't matter as to when the movie would start. Looks like Saturday night is the best option, depending on the movie and what Joe says.

Second choice is a Thursday night. Has a working committee and will probably start to meet in November.

**Action Items**

Hale School Peace Garden - \$700.00 Grant – Tom Arneson

Acceptance of the September Financial Report

Approval of the September minutes

**New Business**

Part II of the board training – Facilitator Robert Townsend (November Meeting)

Pepitos Thanksgiving dinner- was it possible to help find a way to have meals delivered to home bound residents. Watershed HS is a possibility

**Adjourn**

Move to have an Executive Session

Motion: Come back to full session

Move to rescind approval of the Sept minutes and move adoption of the revised

Motion: To create a sub committee to look at the by laws specifically dealing with personnel issues

noted: opposition, Shannon, work group would have been sufficient

Committee will be Shannon, Wad and Tom

## **Director's Position Discussion**

3 volunteers to keep things going in the office.

Need to have discussion about job description, office hours, etc. Use job description that was approved last time.

Maybe volunteers are the way to go for a while and not hire someone right now. Stearline will ask volunteers if they can stay and help out while we decide what to do.

What is our process as to proceed, how are we moving forward and getting things done.

Maybe have Dec meeting.

Bring ideas to next meeting in November.

Working committee to bring back ideas to the November meeting. Sandra, Karen, Kim

Talk to Kelly about financial issues, can we afford to pay someone.

Adjourn

Notes:

The deadline for Board packet submissions (committee bullet points, financials, minutes and agenda items) is Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Anything submitted after this time & date will be added if time allows.

\*The next board meeting is Wed. November 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at LNPC