

## FRNNG Meeting minutes

### February 21, 2024

Monthly board meeting for Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Association  
McRae Park, 906 E 47th St. Minneapolis MN

Call to order – 6:30pm

#### In attendance Board of directors:

Nate Lansing, Theresa Taylor, Steve Gallo, Bill Kinney, Dan Rauchman, Tod Foley, Patty Miller, Rosalinda Miguel, Rachel Sporer

#### Absent:

Charlie Anhut, Cathy Anhut, Colleen Stockmann, Jen Kalaidis-Meslow

#### Staff:

Lauren Anderson

#### Welcome and Introductions

Nate convened the meeting. Everyone went around and introduced themselves and stated their role and their neighborhood.

#### Approve Jan. Minutes

Motion to approve by Patty, seconded by Kyle and unanimously approved (no absentions no opposed)

#### Approve Jan. Financial Report

Bill Kinney - 5 minutes

- Nothing new to report, besides 2,292.00 donated since last april! Yay!
- Nothing been paid for Duck Race yet besides lawn signs and mailer
- Reimbursements up to date and no money needs to be spent in a time sensitive way

Patty motions to approve financial report, steve seconded, unanimously approved (no absentions no opposed)

#### Annual Meeting

- Nate bringing up that the annual election is coming up, last year we had it on the same day as the city wide elections
- We have a lot of events coming up in May with Arbor Day, Duck Race, and Annual election. Nate proposed the idea of doing annual meeting on the same day as the normal meeting instead (Wednesday, May 15th)
- Nate reminded group that some seats are up for election
  - Patty, Rachel, Charlie, Cathy, Colleen, Dan and Nate's seats are all up for election
  - No one will be running for a specific seat, this year everyone will just run for a seat and the board will decide who is who
  - Nate is retiring from board
  - People wondering about terms which are two years and limits are 6 years consecutively
  - Everyone needs to recruit for new members
- Treats for annual meeting, pizza, cake, root beer floats?

- Dan mentioned pizza is hard because stuff can go to waste, could be a possible new tradition for next year when we establish a tradition
- Next month we will be discussing further
- Speakers:
  - Stephanie Musich, council members(2), Stephanie Neale
- Activity?
  - Lauren mentioned that other neighborhoods have done activities
  - Dan said maybe we should keep it simple given our experience with annual meetings in the past
  - Patty suggested a door prize
  - Rachel and Nate suggest doing a recap of everything FRNNG has accomplished
  - Dan can give a \$25 gift card to town hall as raffle door prize
- Lauren will update timeline and work on sending out notice for annual meeting
- Invite Ericka and Steve Gahlager

Discussion: Lauren asked if we want to add online voting, Rachel and Nate agreed that we will want to offer online voting from Wednesday to

**Motion by Rachel to move meeting to 05/15 at 6pm, Rosalinda seconds, unanimously approved (no absentions no one opposed)**

### **Duck Race:**

May 4th

- Dan says a lot of progress has been made!
  - Finer Meats, Muddy Tiger
  - Rachel Suggested Young man and bubble tea
  - Lemonade or Tea vendor needed, looking for one more vendor
- No bouncy house :( it requires extra insurance
- Permits done, trash pickers and everything arranged
- Jacob Frye, Emily Koski, Andrea Jenkins invited
  - Ask about Elmer the tree
  - Cub scouts/girl scouts
- Need website set up, signs out sooner than later
- Still need:
  - Sponsors?
    - People might be concerned about sponsorship availability if there are limited numbers
    - Rachel mentioned level sponsorships, can have an unlimited number of sponsors for each level
      - Golden Goose, Gray Duck, Rubber Ducky (levels based on different donation amounts)
    - Bill mentioned that it is a hard time to get business sponsorships right now just the money flow isnt there
    - Sponsorship will come with:
      - Thank you in CTH, Thank you in E-News, Social media shout out, and signs at event
  - Prizes this year will be smaller, more prizes and kid oriented
  - Bounce house at start of event?
    - Rachel says no, Dan mentioned that 30 minutes isn't a lot for a bounce house
    - Dan said Magician would be nice so there's something to do at the beginning
    - Baron of Bubble and Rainbow Balloon Lady, potentially affordable
  - Face painting?
- Nate mentioned that the tables last year went really well, mostly environmentally focused

- Last Year: Solid waste and recycling, PTA, Mushroom Guy, YWCA, Southside clinic, Standish Erickson, HPDL?, Greening table (Buckthorn advertisements)
- Metro Blooms costs money to have attend..
- Rachel mentioned that we need to block at least the street at the beginning of the race
  - Four volunteers for one hour
- Bill brought up that we only budgeted for \$4,000 for events the full year and this budget is about \$4,800

Bill moved to approve Duck Race Budget of \$4,820.00 for the 2024 Duck Race, Dan Seconded and unanimously approved (no absentions, no opposed)

### **Approve FRNNG Annual Report**

- Annual report was included in board packet, written by lauren
- Nate mentioned that last year we submitted the report with plans to do more door knocking and out reach but this year
- Bill helped fix some grammatical errors
- Report contains a report of all events and plans for future events (2024)

Motion to approve 2023 NNF-EEF Annual Report by Bill, Rachel Seconded, unanimously approved (no abstentions no opposed)

Discussion: Patty asked if McRae celebration is

### **Greening- Kyle**

- Kyle gave us an update on greening committee, buckthorn removal events have been a success and we received seeds through the city for replanting
- Committee is new, meeting got a good turn out but still needing people to commit and take on projects
- Rosalinda brought up that we had an interest list for greening
- Kyle mentioned we are going to work on getting signage up in the area to explain what's going on but

### **Facade Grant Update- Steve**

- Subcommittee decided to do a formal launch with postcards and posters for the facade grant to give an equal opportunity to applicants
- Beginning of March launch facade grant
- Nate specifying that we aim to minimize red-tape and make it easy for everyone to apply, make it fair and available to everyone being flexible with the standards
- Lauren mentioned that quarterly review can be challenging for businesses opening between application periods so we can review them quicker

### **Visitors at Meetings:**

- Theresa brought up concerns with visitors coming to meetings being listened to and treated with respect
  - Said that visitor was told to complete survey, that this person should start a safety committee, and that the person should consider the underlying cause of the perpetrators actions
  - Believes we can do better at listening to visitors
  - Theresa suggests that it's ok for us to ask clarifying questions to person but to keep our personal opinions or concerns to be discussed later to express empathy
  - Lauren said that the event that triggered this conversation (the self defense workshop) was a great success with a turnout of racially and age diverse participants

- Patty suggested that we develop a canned response to visitors, thank you for taking your time to come to our meeting and we will discuss action items and possibly add to next agenda
- Issues with keeping time, visitors need to respect our time as well by following allotted time on the agenda and it would be good to have a volunteer to timekeep at meetings (rotating board member per meeting)
- Rachel mentioned that some topics are definitely harder to discuss than others, and while no one wants to be negative towards a visitor it isn't necessarily happening at every meeting and this incident occurred during a discussion of crime, resource disparity, safety, etc. so there were passionate responses that
- Lauren said the neighbor definitely was upset after leaving our meeting and she did damage control, the neighbor is happy and would work with us again

#### **Arbor Day- Dany:**

- McRae selected for Arbor Day
  - Information about planting trees, tree climbing station, lawn games from salvaged wood
  - Seedling giveaway booth, ask an arborist
  - 60+ trees being added to our park!!
  - Arbor day planning committee- will start having meetings in a week or two
    - Will have four meetings
- Our org can have a booth for Arbor day
- People will be able to sign up to help plant the trees

Motion to adjourn the meeting (kyle) second (tod) and unanimously approved

# February Board Meeting

McRae Recreation Center | 906 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Wed., Feb. 21, 2024 | 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

## Agenda

<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Nate Lansing
<b>Council Member Update</b>	<i>No Council Update This Month</i>
<b>Approve Jan. Minutes</b>	Rachel Sporer - 2 minutes
<b>Approve Jan. Financial Report</b>	Bill Kinney - 5 minutes
<b>Board Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Duck Race Planning Update &amp; Budget Approval - 15 minutes</li> </ul>

- Annual Meeting & Board Election Planning - 20 minutes
  - Board Members' Plans
  - Annual Meeting Date & Time
  - Election Dates & Process
  - Speakers, Treats & Fun
- Approve FRNNG Annual Report - 10 minutes
- Visitors at Meetings - 10 minutes

**2024 Arbor Day Planning**

Dany Schumerth, Minneapolis Parks - 20 minutes

**Open Forum**

Nate Lansing

**Adjournment**

Nate Lansing

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**Upcoming Meetings & Events (at McRae unless noted otherwise)**

- Greening Committee | Sat., Feb. 24 | 12 p.m.
- FRNNG Board Meeting | Wed., Mar. 20 | 6:30 p.m.
- Communications Committee | Wed., Mar. 13 | 7 p.m. | Zoom