

FRNNG Board Minutes
April 20, 2022
Lake Nokomis Pebytertan Church
1620 East 46th Street
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Present: Fransesco Marraffa, Daniel Rauchman, Michelle Johnson, Laura Dale, Deb Spiesz, Audrie Brooks, Pastor Daniel McKizzie, Joel Sass

Staff Present: Stearline Rucker

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Heide, Devante Johnson, Eric Blair, Annie McKizzie.

Ward Council Persons Present: VP Andrea Jenkins Ward 11, Councilperson Emily Koski Ward 8.

Ward 11 VP Councilperson Andrea Jenkins the following: The residents in ward 8 will be relining drain pipes- on 42st up to 46 Street. A great portion of the Bryant neighborhood will be getting a new drain system.

Public Works have been laying baits for rats around the George Floyd square. Talks continue for redesigning the George Floyd square. One major recommendation was a center for healing where the community can come together through art and healing. The former Speedway Gas Station was sited for this healing/Art Center.

The City of Minneapolis is still reviewing why Black & Brown people still have a large unemployment gap.

Families in zip codes 55401,55412,55416 have been targeted to receive \$500.00 per month funds to support their families. This program is called the American Residents Protection Act.

May 3rd, join the councilperson Jenkins at MLK park 6:30pm to ask questions and state what residents want in a new Police Chief for the City of Minneapolis.

Councilpersons Koski and Jenkins are working together on a Senior Resource Fair–slated for June 2, 2022.

Councilperson Jenkins stated that the City Council members are working great together. However, Councilperson s Jenkins would like for residents to not listen to the media that the council is divided.

Councilperson Koski talked about the Mental Health Canopy Specialist to the Commissioner. More work will continue to work on defining what this department will look like.

St. Joseph Home project is on track for charter school to be open August, 2022

Council Koski reported that the Chicago Avenue Express bus line will continue construction during the month of May, and June, 2022.

The president asked for a motion to approve both the March Financial and Minutes to be approved. Motion by Michelle Johnson and second by Deb. Spiesz. **Motion Pass.**

President Marraffa and Staff Stearline Rucker reported on the process of Duck Race -May 7, 2022. All services have been reserved, Field School requested a table to sell plants at the event. Gifts are coming in from 14 Hill, Turtles Bread, Target Foundation gift cards, along with Thrivent Financial \$250.00 gift card. Three major raffles, Kayak, two large Inflatable Pool ducks. Permit for creek in hand, the show mobile has been reserved, along with trailer, recycling and trash bids. Both the Jolly Pops and Atzec Dancers will perform along with Finers meat food truck and the Pollicple wageen.

President Marraffa reported that at the next board meeting, the board will begin conversation about merging with other neighborhoods—if this an option for FRNNG, what events should FRNNG be doing in the coming months and or year. How many events FRNNG should do (well) and have all board members participate. Surviving and Maintaining Neighborhood Organization beyond 2023?

Greening Committee Chair Joel Sass reported that MNDOT no longer offers \$14k funding to maintain the open spaces along 2nd Avenue.

No resident guests for the **Open Forum**. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022 6:30pm at Lake Nokomis Pebyertain Church, 1620 East 46th Street,55407.