

Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group Interim Board of Directors August 2022 Minutes

The Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group (FRNNG) Interim Board of Directors met Wednesday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. at 1620 E. 46th St. (in-person) and via Zoom.

In attendance:

In-person: Daniel Rauchman, Deb Spiesz, Rachel Sporer, Lindsey Feiner, Wyatt Hertig, Patty Miller, Lauren Anderson (consultant), Emily Koski (Ward 11 City Council Representative), Andrea Jenkins (Ward 8 City Council Representative)

Zoom: Karen Date, Steve Date, Steve Gallagher (City of Minneapolis)

Reports from Emily Koski, Andrea Jenkins

- As chair of the Budget Committee, Emily gave highlights of the process, timeline and priorities. Public hearings will be held until December, revisions will be made and then the Council will adopt the budget.
- Alexander Huffman is the new 3rd precinct director. He held an information/Q&A session at Pearl Park. More than 100 attended. He held a similar session at Phelps Park.
- Emily and Andrea promoted upcoming listening sessions about City infrastructure projects and highlighted upcoming live and virtual events in Wards 8 & 11, including a Senior Fair at Sabathani Community Center.

Other business:

- **Annual meeting.** The annual meeting will be at McCrae Park on September 21. The main order of business will be the election of a new board of directors. The new board will be made up of four officers (president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary) and up to 11 members-at-large.
 - **Notification.** Notice of the annual meeting will be on the website, as well as via a postcard and flyers to be distributed to local businesses. Patty Miller, Rachel Sporer and Steve Date will coordinate the messages (date of the annual meeting, how to run for the board, etc.), posting on the

website and production and distribution of the postcard and flyer.

- **Elections.** Lauren Anderson explained how voting can be done in-person and online and will coordinate that process. A simple candidate form will be posted online. Nominations from the floor can be taken at the meeting, as well. Online voting will run from Wednesday, 9/21 through Friday, 9/23, with results announced Monday, 9/26, via the website and social media. Lauren can be reimbursed up to \$300 for her services.
- **Other.**
 - The McCrae park building has been reserved for 9/21.
 - Steve Gallagher requested to be added to the annual meeting agenda.
 - A motion was made and passed for Dan Rauchman to serve as interim president for 30 days.
- **State-of-the-organization updates**
 - The FRNNG Facebook page is locked. With more than 1,500 followers, this is a valuable communications channel. Rachel worked with FB and was unable to be assigned as the new administrator. We'll continue to investigate options.
 - The FRNNG financials continue to be in disarray. Karen and others have been tracking down various accounts including bank, phone/internet and postal, verifying debts and funding sources, and paying the most pressing bills. The status of the office space and status of the storage unit (what's in it, etc.) were discussed. The group also will explore FRNNG's accounting services.
 - A motion was made and passed to buy QuickBooks.
 - A motion was made and passed to subscribe to an online meeting service such as Zoom or Tech Soup for no more than \$20/month.
 - The safe and cash box were opened. The cash box was empty.
 - The computer remains locked. No passwords were provided by the former board or administrator. Lindsey will explore options for having a tech service unlock it.
 - We still have 4-5 neighborhood libraries available. Dan's parents, who built the libraries, haven't been thanked or paid for their materials yet. This will be addressed ASAP.

- Onboarding of the new board was discussed, with Steve discussing the training, etc., available from his staff.
 - A motion was made and passed to secure a trainer for nonprofit boards, not to exceed \$500.
- Hiring of a new administrator was discussed, including having the person work from home, be part-time, etc.
- Rachel at McCrae Park has expressed interest in ensuring the park is more integrated with FRNNG.

The next meeting will be October 19th from 6:30-8 p.m. at McCrae Park. This will be the first meeting of the new board.

The August board meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Miller