

FRNNG Meeting minutes

February 15th, 2023

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

Karen Date

Lindsey Feiner

Cathy Anhut

Patty Miller

Steven Date

Charlie Anhut

Connor Blacksher

Christina Brill

Dan Rauchman

Wyatt Fertig

Rachel Sporer

Absent:

Colleen Stockmann

Guests:

Emily Koski - Council Member

- Ward 11 monthly meetings sent via email. If we have topic ideas let her office know. Tangletown neighborhood winter festival coming up.
- 62 & Bloomington will be closed for another 4-6 weeks.
- Edgewater & Cedar was the site of a fatal accident that was a hit and run. Town hall last fall about it as a problem area and MNDot did a project to help with solutions. Koski is working with them and the county to make that intersection safer.
- Winter parking restrictions are still in effect. Winter maintenance study is being done to make sure they can make improvements. Contact 311 with issues. Email or use the app to submit issues, per CP Koski it is more effective communication and faster.
- Black history month events will be emailed to us to post if wanted
- \$30 tree lottery is open

Nate has a traffic related question. Parkway traffic seems to be up - and pedestrians are not being stopped for on 14th. CM Koski will talk to the park commissioners. City owns the "light" but the parks/commissioners of the park and city are decision makers.

Rachel Hoben - McRae Park

McRae has an opportunity (2x year) to apply for a Hennepin county equipment grant, for up to \$10,000 worth of sports equipment. I'd like to submit for some volleyball posts etc, hockey skates & nets, and baseball equipment for youth at the park. In order to submit for this grant, we

need a supporting partner. Would FRNNG be willing to be a partner and provide a signed letter of support? Here is what is requested per the grant:

- A community organization that is willing to be the requesting partner (ex. Council, neighborhood org. etc. Note, the partner is only requesting on your behalf, they do not need to provide anything more than that (a signature). We need the organization name, contact person, phone number and email.

Please let me know if you have any questions. The deadline to submit is the 24th, hence the last minute request. I appreciate the board considering serving as a partner for us in this request. Let me know if you have any questions. I am happy to answer them.

Discussion: You can apply 2x year no matter if you have submitted recently. Consider donating monetarily next time, just submitting a letter of support this time. Rachel (communications) says she will write the letter required.

Motion to support the McRae/Hennepin County equipment Grant: (7:00pm) Cathy

Second: Rachel

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Approve January Minutes

Motion to approve January 2023 minutes (6:54pm): Patty

Second Karen

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Financial Report: [See financial report online](#) - presented by Karen Date

Ordered and received a debit card from the unrestricted account. D&O insurance and Greenhaven invoices have been paid. Robert (accountant contractor) canceled ADP. Karen will send an email addendum to the accountant report. Robert found a little over \$1,000 in uncashed checks, which he voided. Donation from Raymond James, Elaine Gaston. Cathy knows her so she will get the address to Karen so she can send a thank you note. Our funding contract was approved.

Community connections conference is June 10th.

Nate will work with Karen to get him on the account, checks and debit card before she goes out of town.

Motion to approve the February financial report (7:08pm): Connor

Second Dan

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Board Business

Meeting timing/length discussion

- List times for each item. Dan will police the timing during the meeting.

Communications

Christina - social media - comms team has been updating website with events, but we need more content. Asking each board member to sign up to write two articles a year which may be used in CTH, social etc. Sign up sent around and everyone signed up.

Patty - newsletter is almost done. Should go to Greenhaven on Monday, Patty to double check the TAT for mailing. Survey - Lindsey will send out to the board for review/edits/additions.

Budget - need to approve next month, Karen to email Robert about buckets we can put things into.

Update from Stacy on funding - working on the CEE funds and operations funds.

Elections/Annual meeting - let us know by next meeting if you plan to leave the board, also click through the annual report survey to see what it is, volunteer if you can and if not we will do it together at the next board meeting.

Masons partnership - pancake breakfast, proceeds will go to Field to go to the playground installation project and a match from Masonic Charities. Pancake breakfast will be the first weekend in May.

Motion to support the Masons pancake breakfast via communications, and be the financial passthrough/conduit for the donation (7:55): Lindsey

Second: Wyatt

We need communications information/graphics

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Bylaws - submit adjustments and suggestions by March 1st. Bylaws committee to

Duck Race - Call on Mondays to do a check-in. 3 residents willing to help. Francesco to be involved but not to receive financial reimbursements. Nate asks when we can get a budget. Dan will have a very solid budget by the March meeting and will come with that plus ticket sale projections etc. Rachel will volunteer for communications. First zoom meeting will be Monday the 20th, Dan will send out info.

Next meeting and adjournment

Next meeting – March 15, 6:30-8pm McRae

Motion to adjourn (8:11pm): Connor

Second Wyatt

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Monthly Meeting minutes/notes:

Earth Day 23 Event MPRB and FRNNG

April 22,2023 9:30-noon

Start with residents coming to collect bags and gloves for clean-up of neighborhoods

11:00 come back to do a park clean up and celebrate

Possibly set up Teams for: (sign-up board)

Parkway and creek

48th and Chicago business district

46th and Bloomington
along 2nd and freeway

Needed:

Tables and umbrella for:

Trash bags and Gloves

Plastic Cleaner bottles (need vinegar, borax, dish soap for making diy cleaner)
and people could bring their own spray bottle to make cleaners

Solid waste and recycling demo

Beverages and maybe a packaged treat (use donated money?)

Or contact local businesses to donate like Lunds & Byerlys, Turtle Bread,
Pumphouse Creamery...)

Brainstorming ideas:

Planting activity for kids or seeds to give out

Chalk for kids drawing

Compost bin give away/raffle

To Do:

Find out details from Parks and Rec

Advertise Event through our website and social media

Contact business for donations or coupons

Get supplies

Communications Committee Meeting

Attendees: Steve Date, Christina Brill, Patty Miller

Date: 3/8/23

Notes:

I. SOCIAL MEDIA:

We discussed questions posed to the FRNNG on social platforms and the appropriate vehicle for those items and responses. As an example, one resident asked if we could post something on our Facebook page about her missing car.

We agreed that posts like these (missing animal, car, etc) would be better placed on NextDoor app or GroupME or other groups.

We agreed that the purpose of our FRNNG social platforms is to promote the neighborhood, events in the community, residents and businesses. We want posts to be

useful and with a focus on content that builds connection between residents and community.

CZB offered to reach back out to the resident who posed the question.

We discussed the Facebook 'about' section should match the website and be updated (for example, we no longer have schools called Northrup etc.)

II. CTH:

Issue sent to printer on Monday and hopefully mailed by the week of 3/20 and hit mailboxes by 4/1. We discussed cadence of newsletter and discussed a quarterly schedule such as the following:

Q1 in process and considered Spring

Q2 Summer delivery early June

Q3 Fall delivery September

Q4 Winter delivery December

III. SOCIAL MEDIA CALENDAR SCHEDULE:

We discussed a draft of our social media calendar which should align with the CTH schedule so we can decide which content goes online vs newsletter. Currently the schedule is March-May. It helps us track neighborhood and citywide events so we can remember to post something or get photos from the event.

We discussed that with this calendar we should have some sort of history or tracking so we know every year we typically send something out about 'Earth Day' as an example. We don't have a solution mapped out about how to store the visual and/or the text.

We agreed that we would post FRNNG related content a minimum 1x/week. When Steven is out of town, Christina Brill (Zuber-Brill) can be a back-up and vice versa. We discussed ways that Steven and Christina can be connected as Steven typically posts to Facebook and Christina to Instagram and Twitter.

IV. ARTICLES FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

We discussed the schedule of board members who volunteered to write an article for a particular month. We also discussed that the article would be due to the communications committee the day of the monthly board meeting. March's articles are due from Lindsay and myself. I said I'd reach out to Lindsay and as of these notes have not yet. Sorry!

V. OPEN DISCUSSION:

Patty Miller brought forth an idea of what we can do with the Ducks.. Have Duck will travel idea. Similar to Flat Stanley. It could be a way to encourage connection among residents.