

FRNNG Meeting minutes

March 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

Dan Rauchman

Wyatt Fertig

Colleen Stockmann

Rachel Sporer

**Absent:**

Christina Brill

**Guests:**

Judy Hannigan

Maria - NCBC

Rochelle - NCBC

Lisa - NCBC

Lex Brand - City of MPLs

Katie - City of MPLS

Nate update - job description has been placed on the website and social media, working on getting it on MCNP and indeed etc. Bob Cooper - extra \$356 rolled into general ops fund

**CM Jenkins**

Feels like the events are good whether or not they make money. Glad we are discussing insurance with other neighborhoods. Filling potholes soon, have to wait till freeze/thaw cycle to stop before they can do a full fix. Doing a “cold fix” for a temporary improvement, and will do a “hot fix” once they can. You can email your CM with alley locations that need potholes filled, or call 311.

Currently accepting applications for the CCPO through March 20th, as well as audit committee applications.

Colleen has an idea for competition between neighborhoods on how many drains can be adopted in each neighborhood. Colleen will work on that as an idea.

## **NCBC**

Copies brought of the proposal, Rochelle told us a little bit about the proposal. Expanding the garden, get more volunteers and providing more food for the community. Big goal is a free farmers market. A large Ecuadorian group currently comes to the food shelf, so they are looking for volunteers for translation and assistance. Would like to engage FRN neighborhoods to grow food for the food shelf in their yards and open discussion about food insecurity. Create connectedness, share stories, etc.

**Need from the neighborhood:** collaborative partnership, communications, fiscal agent of the money.

Patty likes the idea of growing foods that cater to the needs of those using the food shelf. Good ideas for communications and neighborhood involvement. Rachel asks if they've connected with Plant, Grow, Share. Charlie asks about the current number of people served and how much it will scale with this grant. Garden has about 4 volunteers right now, around 100 families served each week through the food shelf. Colleen asks if there is a plan for the abundance of produce coming all at once. They have space and some plans to help.

**Motion to support NCBC in their grant application, to provide communication support and act as fiscal agent for the grant:** (6:46pm) Lindsey

**Second:** Rachel

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

## **Lex Brand - City of Minneapolis Park Ave Resurfacing project**

Resurfacing and restriping Park ave, between 46th & Minnehaha Parkway. Great opportunity to calm traffic and improve safety in that area. Make sure crosswalks are visible, southbound bike lane, narrow lanes for speed control. No impacts to parking, just taking space from current 14 foot driving lanes to create a bike lane. Currently are doing engagement, design will be completed in spring, and summer and fall 2023. Sidewalks and boulevards are not changing. Bike lane connections are not being changed, would need to be a separate ask. Lex will provide the PDF for our communications. Larry from transportation can answer questions about the timing of the project starting.

## **Approve February Minutes**

**Motion to approve February 2023 minutes** (7:07pm): Lindsey

**Second Colleen**

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

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

Karen has sent a report to communications, \$6,400, we got an advance of \$10k from the city in January of 2022, and we owed more than half of that. Because of that we only rolled over around \$4300 dollars.

Financial committee - Nate, Karen, Charlie - will meet with Bob to figure out funding.

Karen asks everyone to check over the insurance policy and hopes we can do an online vote.

Find out what HPDL and other neighborhoods use - Colleen will do that and work with Karen to come up with a recommendation for the next meeting

**Motion to approve February 2023 financial report (7:30pm):** Colleen

**Second:** Rachel

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

## **Board Business**

Bylaws - Wyatt

**Motion to put the revised FRNNG bylaws (attached as a proposed revision to be voted on during the 2023 annual meeting held in May 2023. (8:11pm):** Wyatt

**Second:** Connor

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

Summary of Changes

- Page 2, 3.2 change the maximum number of directors from 21 to 15 directors
- Page 2, 3.3 remove redundant language regarding committee chairs
- Page 4, 4.5 remove 4.5, member voting by proxy because it is not legal in Minnesota

General Changes

- Remove all instances of language "First Vice President" and change to "Vice President"
- Remove all instances of "he or she" with gender-neutral language "they."

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

**Motion to revise the proposed bylaws, 6.2 to state. "Election. The seated Directors will elect all vacant officer positions during a public board meeting no later than two meetings after each annual election starting in 2024. Each officer position will have a term of two years.":** Wyatt

Discussion: since Neighborhood Reps would need to be elected, would they not be eligible for the at large

**Amendment: Neighborhood reps may co-currently serve as board officers:** Wyatt

Discussion - is there an issue with the executive committee being smaller in that case. Issues come up about

**Amendment: Remove former amendment: Neighborhood reps may co-currently serve as board officers:** Wyatt

**Second:** Connor

**Motion** with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

## **Duck Race - Dan**

Lots of ideas for future years events that won't be possible for this time.

May 6th is the event date.

Connor is handling fundraising.

Can we get ace hardware to donate anything? Likely not because we've asked a lot of them in the past.

Do we need the showmobile? What could we do beyond stage entertainment? Should we entertain purchasing a PA system? One food truck is secured. Any options for volunteers to do activities/attractions?

Motion to close discussion: Wyatt

Second: Colleen

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

Motion to move forward with proposal 3 budget with a not to exceed \$5,500 including miscellaneous expenses: Connor

Second: Colleen

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

**Earth day event** - Cathy

Colleen and Dan will volunteer.

Motion to buy snacks and other supplies not to exceed \$500 for the earth day event

Second: Dan

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

**Elections** - Nate

Wyatt will step down from the board.

Email the president if you think you will be stepping down ASAP so that we can get the elections ready.

**Next meeting and adjournment**

Next meeting – April 19, 6:30-8pm McRae

Motion to adjourn (8:23pm): Lindsey

Second Colleen

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

Committee meeting minutes:

Apr 12, 2023 | 📅 FRNNG communications committee meeting

Attendees: Christina Brill FRNNG Field Rep FRNNG Northrop South Rep Patty Miller

Colleen Stockmann FRNNG Regina Rep Steven Date

Notes

- Duck race info & sales are up on the website
- Need a protocol for sharing on social media, Steve Christina and Rachel can't post everything on short notice
  - One-week notice? art/graphics?
  - Priority is to share our own events
- Need March articles from Lindsey and Christina, Patty & Nate are up for April
- Close to Home Stories:
  - Letter from Nate (or other board member)
  - Duck Race Recap
  - Elections recap/ new board members

- Creek project? (Colleen) - more details on website - Christina will write
- Earth Day event/ article on green spaces
- Intro to neighborhood employee - maybe Christina
- Tiny recaps from city council/ board members
- McRae Doggie Adventure recap
- Boiler plate - don't forget (produced by FRNNG, address, etc)
- May 10th communications meeting focused on Close to Home
- Social media:
  - Calendar needed to organize events that are coming up and the posts about them
  - Separate months into weeks and do two posts per week, specific topics

#### Action items

- Write canned response for people sending in events
- Send close to home storyboard to board before meeting
- Update Social media post calendar

#### Earth Day Event

#### **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

Ponds on Park and 43rd

#### Needed:

- Tables, umbrella and sign 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...)

## Activities / Schedule

9:00: Set up

9:30: Neighbors arrive and get gloves and bags also sign up for different areas for clean-up

11:00: Groups come back for park clean-up and celebration

11:30: Compost bin give away/raffle (with email news sign up)

Plastic cleaner bottle giveaway (with email news sign-up)

## Ongoing

Coloring books and coloring pages by Marlena Myles ([links for PDFs here](#))

- Colleen to print these

Chalk for kids drawing, coloring devices (ask Buy Nothing!)

Adopt-a-Drain info

Wild Ones info

Xerces Society

Homegrown National Park

## To Do:

- Colleen to contact orgs re materials to display
- Find out details from Parks and Rec
- Contact business for donations or coupons
- Get supplies
- ~~Advertise Event through our website and social media~~
- ~~Make small graphic for advertising (see examples below)~~

Include this info:

<https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/event-calendar/earth-day-clean-up-at-mcrae-park/>

Examples: [HPDL Earth Day Clean Up](#); [2023 Spring Food Truck Rally – Saturday, April 22nd | NENA](#)

- Share in Buy Nothing Groups too
- Make the natural cleaner bottles to give away
- Get gloves down from Attic (Rachel @ McRae)
- Ask Lunds & Byerly's to donate granola bars and fruit? And reusable totes?
  - Cathy to ask Lunds
- Ask for coupons from local businesses
  - Colleen to draft template email
- Make email sign-up sheet NUMBERED for raffling off compost bin (use random number generator to pick)