

## **FRNNG Meeting minutes**

**November 15, 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, Patty Miller, Charlie Anhut, Cathy Anhut, Theresa Taylor, , Steve Gallo, Bill Kinney, Dan Rauchman, Colleen Stockmann, Rachel Sporer

### **Absent:**

Rosalinda Miguel, Jen Kalaidis-Meslow, Tod Foley

### **Staff:**

Lauren Anderson

### **Guests:**

Emily Koski

## **Welcome and Introductions**

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

### **CM Koski, Ward 11**

- Mayor nominated Margaret Anderson Kelleher to be our COO for the city (non-elected)
- New council member Aurin Chowdhury replacing Andrew Johnson who resigned will be sworn in next week and the rest of the council will be sworn in on the first Monday in January (January 1st 2024)
- Budget committee will be hearing from departments and amendments from the council will be decided upon after Thanksgiving (Council member Koski is the Chair of this committee)
- One amendment Council Member Koski is bringing forward deals with additional funding for traffic calming
- At this point we asked about the Cedar and Edgewater new traffic flow if that was part of traffic calming but it was a separate project with the State. CM Koski gave us an update on the project.
- Another amendment is dealing with the domestic violence agency office and the need for more staff. There are over 700 individuals in need of services. The staff of 3 is overwhelmed.
- the Budget Committee will have well over 50 amendments to deal with for approval
- 19 Million dollars is coming from the state for public safety and Mayor Frye wants to use 15.3 million to be earmarked for hiring incentives and signing bonuses but CM Koski is not in favor and is more concerned with equitable pay for our current officers and other initiatives like hiring more female officers, bonuses, raises, professional development, higher base pay to keep

officers in the city. In her opinion the process for this vote has been rushed. She wants the city to think about this funding holistically. CMKoski is open to reactions to what we are hearing in the news about this contentious issue.

An example of an idea that is on the table as part of public safety is in an amendment requesting part of the funds used for a sub-center on Lake street for social workers, pcr team... which might be jeopardized by such a large piece of the funds going to the hiring incentives

- December 12-Ward 11 meeting centered on Public Safety at 7:00pm Pearl Park

### **Affordable Housing Funding Request**

Sarah Linnes-Robinson (Director of projects for the Lyndale Neighborhood Association)

PPL (Project for Pride in Living) Sarah gave us background on the project she is helping with for the Wells Fargo property that was destroyed in the uprising and proposals for the former Kmart site. (see Multi-Neighborhood Affordable Housing Collective [Summary](#))

- Building design has been submitted
- Application was submitted two years ago and project is in the works
- The ask right now is asking Neighborhood groups to contribute 25,000 to the project
- Sarah is also asking for ideas for different models for housing in South Minneapolis
- Two neighborhoods have put in 25,000 so far
- Our neighborhood has met our housing requirement so we do not need to approve funds but we should consider this
- PPL has been working in our area for over 50 years and has been helping people with housing issues.
- Nate asked about the December 8th deadline, Sarah said intent to discuss and vote could show enough interest to push the deadline for us.
- Colleen asked if we could approve less than the 25,000 and the answer is yes but Lauren pointed out in our case we do have funds in our NRP funds for housing
- They have to have the funds to close on their loan and if they don't break ground by Dec. 31, 2026 the money will be returned to FRNNG
- Discussion and questions followed and we decided to ask which way we are leaning and most of us are in favor. We could actually vote either by email or at our December gathering

### **President update (Holiday Gathering)**

Usually we don't have a December meeting but a Holiday gathering has been proposed. We could have it at Carbones. December 13 is the suggested date instead of our regular 3rd Wednesday (this would take into account a date before kids are out of school, and not so close to Christmas when people head out of town)

A motion was made by Bill to use up to \$500.00 from FRNNG funds for the party

Second by Steve

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

### **Approval of October meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve October 2023 Meeting minutes made by Colleen

Second by Dan

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

**Financial Report:** See financial reports online

- [Greenhaven Prepayment Balance Options](#)
- We need to spend the funds or lose them
- See suggestions from the Communications Committee in our Meeting Materials and the link above

A motion was made by Colleen to approve the Greenhaven spend down plan and budget following the proposed general plan

Second by Steve

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

### **Board Business:**

- 2024 Staffing Contract
  - Discussion about the contract, Lauren's job performance, and support for Lauren and her work

A motion was made by Bill to approve the new contract

Second by Rachel

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

- 2024 Draft Budget Approval will happen by email
- FRNNG Strategic Planning Part 2 (see FRNNG Strategic Planning, Phase 2)
  - Character strengths presented
  - We engaged in next steps
  - Homework-answer questions on the worksheet and answers will be collected via email with a google form

### **Next meeting and adjournment**

Next meeting – December 13, 2023 6:30 at Carbones

Motion to adjourn made by Colleen

Second by Steve

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