

FRNNG Meeting minutes January 18th, 2023

Monthly board meeting for Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group
McRae Park, 906 E 47th St. Minneapolis MN

Call to order – 6:30pm

In attendance:

Board of directors:

Nate Lansing
Karen Date
Lindsey Feiner
Colleen Stockmann
Cathy Anhut
Patty Miller
Steven Date
Charlie Anhut
Connor Blacksher
Christina Brill

Absent:

Rachel Sporer
Francesco Marraffa
Dan Rauchman
Wyatt Fertig

Guests:

Andrea Jenkins - Council Member
Jen Meslo - Neighbor
Maria Sidorenko - Neighbor
Nancy Meyers - NCBC
Kyle Nelson - Greening volunteer
Devon Driscoll - Neighbor

Andrea Jenkins - brought year end newsletters, they are also available on the CP Jenkins website. Challenging but productive year, restructuring the entire city government. Went from hybrid council/mayor to an executive form. That means that the mayor is the Chief Executive of the city and the council is the legislative body.

Created a brand new continuum of public safety - mental health response team - behavioral health response team.

Passed a 1.6 billion dollar budget, housing, wage protection, immigrant rights. Next is to work on a rent stabilization program to keep housing affordable in Minneapolis.

NCBC Partnership - Nancy Meyers - food shelf - tabled till next month

Approve December Minutes

Motion to approve December 2023 minutes (7:03pm): Lindsey

Second Connor

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

Motion to affirm online vote to hold elections in May of each year (7:05pm): Lindsey
Second Karen

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

Financial Report: **See financial report online** - presented by Karen Date

Things have been ordered for Friday Fire & Ice event and dropped off
In lieu of rent items have been ordered and some have been delivered.

Motion to approve \$99 three year extended warranty for game table (7:11pm): Lindsey
Second Karen

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions
A 3 year warranty was purchased for the game table.

Motion to approve the financial report (7:15pm): Steve

Second Patty

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

Board Business

990 & Charitable Contributions Form - Karen

Motion to approve 990 and charitable contributions form (7:15pm): Lindsey

Second Connor

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

Neighborhood leader gatherings - Nate

Next week on microsoft teams. Karen, Patty & Charlie will attend and report back.

NRP Plan Adjustments - Nate

Motion to renew the contract with CEE to manage our grants and loans of \$2500

(7:20pm): Patty

Second: Patty

Charlie asks if it has gone up - and Nate isn't sure, but he thinks it has gone up.

Patty says that its nice to go with an organization we have a standing relationship with.

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

Motion to move \$50,000 to CEE home loan fund (7:40pm): Karen

Second Christina

Nate says this seems like a good amount since thats about what we've had in the past.

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

Motion to move \$100,000 to of uncontracted funds into an Operations fund (6:40pm):

Karen

Second Rachel

Nate will work with Aryca and Stacy to make sure all of this will work.

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

Budget Discussion - Nate

Basic budget sent out, wants everyone to review and send Nate any comments. February is the goal to vote on a final 2023 budget.

Communications Update - Patty

Patty says they are working on the Feb close to home. Each board member needs to write a paragraph about themselves for the website by Jan 20th. 150 - 200 max words.

Will be pursuing advertising, and will do that with the next issue.

Steve asks that everyone submit something for the newsletter or the website. Send to communications@frnng.org.

Will think about goals for increasing diversity in communications.

Community Survey - Lindsey

Lindsey will work with Colleen to come up with a survey.

Greening - Colleen

Kyle introduced himself and how he got involved. Popular free play creek area between 12th & Bloomington along the Parkway, and with Parks doing a big master plan we could partner on trail restoration and signage. Found out from Parks that you can come up with a park stewardship agreement. Annual program that is designed for the neighborhood org to say what they will be doing and what the parks will be in charge of (i.e. removing the pulled buckthorn). HPDL is willing to help recruit volunteers in partnership. MN DNR has a grant available for funds for supplies.

Nate asked what our role is. Lead volunteer for annual report. Insurance requirements can potentially be covered by the grant.

Park stewardship agreement is more informal.

Motion for FRNNG become part of the park stewardship agreement to work on areas identified by greening: Patty

Second Cathy

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

Motion to apply for the MN DNR grant for \$25,000 (8:20): Colleen

Second Steve

Program management roles and financial roles are needed. Has to be used for specific projects so we need to inventory all green spaces informally and then set up specific goals for that fund. Clarification on boundaries and importance of working with HPDL. Kyle says Parks and Rec volunteered to walk through with FRNNG to identify areas.

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

Tiny Library Distribution - Colleen

We might want survey input. All kinds of questions to be answered. Want to find out where they might go that don't currently have them. Want to target foot traffic and kid areas. Patty and Colleen will discuss newsletter and website content by Jan 20th.

Park Programs - Lindsey

Volunteer for the May event? Colleen, Karen and Steve.

Inactive board member discussion

Francesco does not want to be on the board.

Motion to remove Francesco Maraffa from the FRNNG board (8:28pm): Colleen

Second Karen

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

Nate asks that everyone reads bylaws and send in comments.

Next meeting and adjournment

Next meeting – Feb 15, 6:30-8pm McRae

Motion to adjourn (8:34pm): Karen

Second Colleen

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