

**Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association
Regular Board of Directors Meeting – Aug. 19, 2010
Holland Neighborhood Improvement Association Office
1900 Central Avenue NE. #108, Minneapolis, MN. 55418**

Board Members Present:

Bobbie Wiggers/ Lily Vaughn / Ginny Sutton/ Justin Hach/ /Jasper Rajendren/Isaac Peters/Bengt Svensson/

Board Members Absent:

Todd Copenhaver/Jennifer Arave

Staff Present:

Gayle Bonneville

Guest Speakers:

Mary Altman

Guests Present:

Vincent Murray/Kurt Nowacki/Kevin Reich (City Council Member)

Called to Order: 7:10 p.m. by Ginny Sutton, board president

Motion to accept: Agenda

Motion by: Bengt/Second by: Ginny/Motion Passed

Motion to accept: July's Board Minutes

Motion by: Ginny/Second by: Isaac/Motion Passed

Mary Altman, public arts staff from the City of Minneapolis

Mary's presentation was a slide show about the Jackson Square Park. This park was named Long John Pond; the park itself is over 100 years old. By 2004 the park was poorly maintained, then in 2005 the rehabilitation began. Jim Brenner is the artist for the project. Jim wanted the art to represent Family/Safety/ Communication. Phase II Plan now the focus point is the

Edison High School projects Backstop area and the parking lot lighting. The Basin area was mentioned sculpture/ benches/bridge. Mary gave the Board Members the HNIA Public Gateway and Campus Budget and Expenses through

Summer 2010. What was needed from us was to transfer \$24,000 to this project.

Motion to accept: NRP contract amendment for the monies (\$24,000)

Motion by: Jasper/Second by: Isaac/Motion passed

State Auditor

Contacted Holland Office for another audit Thursday, September 2 @ noon. As Board members we can come to the office or we do not have to--Gayle will be present for sure.

Movies

Motion by Isaac, seconded by Lily and carried to pay Movies and Music in the Basin bills and deficit from general fund, with understanding General Fund would be paid back if/when Comcast grant comes through.

Northeast Farmers Market (University & 7th)

Has written a letter to neighborhoods seeking a donation. Taking \$100 out of the general fund for this donation was suggested.

Motion to accept: \$100 donation to Farmers Market from general fund

Motion by: Jasper/Second by: Isaac/Motion Passed

HHW Task Force Report

Justin reported because Jennifer, the lead person, was not @ tonight's meeting. The task force's purpose was presented in writing to board members present. Justin said he asked Paul Miller – HHW Site Project Manager - to speak @ the General

Meeting (August) so that Holland neighbors would get straight facts. There was a Q & A @ the General Meeting where neighbors wrote their questions on an index card and Jennifer read the question to Paul Miller to answer. Facts will be on the Holland web site for neighbors to read. At the time of announcing the next General Meeting (September) there will be a card where all Holland residents will be able to voice their opinion on the project. Then the Task Force will know what the neighbors are thinking about the project.

General Meeting Agenda for Sept. 9

HHW Site Project/ Home fix-up revolving loans (5 minutes)/ NRP Steering Committee/Parks Commissioner Liz Wielinski on new playground items (20 minutes)

2001 Washington Street NE

City owns this property and wishes to hear from HNIA on how to proceed. Several calls have come into the Holland office seeking to buy the property. Reich said city's Earl Pettiford is having a meeting in the next few days about this property and others in the neighborhood; Isaac volunteered to attend the meeting and report back to the Board.

Board Training

Most board members are new and having training would be beneficial to all of us. Robert Thompson or Jay Clark would give the training, which would be an hour & half to two hours long. We all agreed that it should be just the training and not training and a Board Meeting at the same session. We will be e-mailed the date and time of training.

Tot Lot

Ginny will be calling the people who volunteered to help clean up the Tot Lot.

Edison Collaborations

Kurt talked to the board about Edison’s history with the community and its in the center of the neighborhood. A gateway to Park & Recreation/Library/YMCA/Edison - the connections are getting better. Darin the athletic director is having a meeting @ Diamond’s about a few projects that Edison would like to have – such as Urban Farming and a Farmers Market.

Other Business

E-mail protocol handout distributed. Basin Bands & Movies - Jasper had an invoice of \$300, a check was written up and given to him. Bylaws - the only thing changed was the Holland office address, took place @ the May General Meeting. We need the minutes of the May meeting; Isaac said he would talk to Christian about the minutes. Talked a bit about the Board and General meeting minutes.

Motion to accept: Movies in the Basin Grant application

Motion by: Isaac/ Second by: Lily/Motion Passed

Motion to accept: Approved Treasurer’s Report (June & July)

Motion by Lily/Second by: Jasper/Motion Passed

Motion to Adjourn: 9:30 p.m.

Motion by: Isaac/Second by Ginny/Motion Passed

Submitted by: Bobbie Wiggers, board secretary

Approved by:

1. _____ Date: _____

2. _____ Date: _____