

McKinley Community Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17th, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – Center for Families Room #22

Present: Ricky Venson, John Hemp, Jonathan Rich, Rick Maas, Tammie Moore, Barbara Kennedy, Yenviset Xiong, Joanne Williams, Candace Lund, William Bolton, Chris Morris (Staff). Guest – Jenny Skorupa

1.) Opening: Ricky Venson, Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board Chair.

2.) Consent Agenda:

a.) Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve the proposed agenda for this meeting.

b.) Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve minutes from the April meeting.

3.) CSA Update – Jenny Skorupa:

a.) CSA progressing well. 22 volunteer hours have been accomplished.

b.) Urban Agribusiness Development meeting had 20 people in attendance. Attendees were interested in further meetings and development of the initiative.

c.) Discussion of local comments for additional activities/outreach for the CSA.

d.) CSA will pursue official agribusiness status with the assistance of Collie Graddick (Urban Agribusiness Consultant).

e.) Reported that Tim Page of “Street Works” is interested in arranging for one of his participants to work for the CSA full time this summer. He will endeavor to place someone from our community. Salary will be covered by “Street Works”.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously to accept this proposal provided appropriate background checks have been accomplished.

d.) Discussion of Beverly Stancile's (Garden Assistant) current performance and status. The Chair will address this issue and report outcome at later date.

4.) Discussion Items & Votes: Various

a.) Signs and Trash Can Art:

1. Signs:

a. Samples unavailable.

b. City will not place signs due to budget restraints.

c. Discussion of possibly funding the placement ourselves. Staff will follow up.

2. Trash Can Art:

a. Motion made, seconded and unanimously to open negotiations with Juxtaposition Arts to present a proposal for the painting of trash cans.

b.) Crime Prevention Intern Program (CPI):

1. Reported that the program has received additional funding from General Mills/TCF Stadium

2. Starting June 14th there will be three teams: North, South and Cedar Riverside. Each team will have 4 youth and there will be 4 college interns participating in the program. Team members will revolve between areas to provide wider familiarity with the City.

c.) NRP Phase II: Will involve approx. \$522,000 with 72% earmarked for housing.

1. May 19 – Meeting to create issue groups.

2. Final plan due in August.

d.) 2010/2011 Board Officers Election:

Chair – Ricky Venson

Vice Chair – Jonathan Rich

Treasurer – John Hemp

Secretary – Joanne Williams

All votes unanimous.

e.) Chris Morris requested additional paid time off due to family illness.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved to authorize 40 additional hours.

4.) Financial Review: John Hemp, Board Treasurer

a.) Financial documents were presented for review. After a short discussion about issues around the web site development (Brandon Sullivan) a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the April 2010 financial reports.

5.) Staff Update: Morris

a.) May 20th will be Perkins Hill Park fix up day.

b.) Lowry Avenue: June 10 public meeting. Will review proposed zoning changes.

c.) Will continue development and action on the problem properties list. Discussion of general dissatisfaction with Council Person Diane Hofstede's responsiveness and performance. Noted that the apartment at 3559 Lyndale was re-approved for rental although no obvious indication that the problems had been resolved.

d.) Staff reports that interest in home purchases in the neighborhood have recently increased.

8.) Motion, seconded and unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:18P.M.

Minutes submitted by Jonathan Rich on 06/16/10.