

McKinley Community Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18th, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – Center for Families Room 22 – 3333 North 4th St.

Present: Ricky Venson, John Hemp, Tammie Moore, Candace Lund, Rick Maas, Joanne Williams, Chris Morris (Staff) and guests Bev Scherrer, Hawthorne Board Member.

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Ricky Venson, Chair.
- 2) Special Guest: Bev Scherrer, Hawthorne Board Member was introduced. Ms. Scherrer provided an update on the EcoVillage that borders McKinley at Lyndale and Lowery Avenues. The plans for the SE corner of this intersection currently call for a 3 to 4 story apartment building that will include retail spaces on the ground level.

The Hawthorn Community is asking McKinley to write to the City in support of commercial zoning for the SE corner of Lowery and Lyndale since the City is reluctant to approve the retail section of the plan.

- 3) A motion to approve the agenda for this meeting was made seconded and passed with all in favor.
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting with one change. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
- 4) Discussion and Votes:
 - a) Lowry Ave. Façade Grant Program – A motion was made to reaffirm the electronic vote to send a letter to the City requesting approval of the reallocation of \$5,000 from Housing Collaborations (Housing B.1.3., page 5) to Commercial Loan Grant Program (Economic Development A.1.2., page 16) in our approved Phase I Neighborhood Action Plan..
 - b) NCR Update – .
 - c) McKnight Update – Morris reported that letter of inquiry has been sent to the McKnight Foundation requesting consideration of a \$535,000 Urban Ag grant for the McKinley CSA. We normally would hear back from them in two to four weeks.
 - d) Proposal to Fund Teardown of 3442 North 6th Street – Hemp reported on the ongoing problems with this property and requested consideration of McKinley Community helping to fund a tear down. The owner is currently trying to do a short sale and the credit union has refused two offers. Following a thorough discussion it was agreed that John would continue to monitor the situation.
 - e) CSA Next Steps – Morris reported that Jenny is attending a Food, Justice & Culture conference in New Orleans as the result of a scholarship she received. A Personnel Committee needs to be formed to work on the job descriptions for 2011 CSA workers. Ricky and Joanne agreed to serve, in addition Morris will email the community members asking for additional volunteers. Finally, we need to look into a land purchase for CSA expansion and to provide for the fact that the land on loan from City View School is not a permanent arrangement.

5) John Hemp, Treasurer

All members reviewed the Financial Statements provided.

A motion was made to approve the Financial Report; the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

6) Staff Update

- Morris reported that \$20,000, the second of the McKnight grant from last year is due in soon.
- Morris provided a new problem property list for review and input.
- Morris reported that our response to the NCR/Phase II plan is ready to be sent to the City.
- Morris spoke with the Principal of City View and found that the future of the school is still in question.
- Tom Leighton, City Planner will be a guest at the November Board Meeting.
- CPI Update: Maas reported that the season went very well for the Crime Prevention Internship program. Maas provided a postcard with program information and a photo of some of the group to Board Members. This can be used as an outreach tool.

7.) Call to Adjourn – Venson

A motion was made, seconded and passed with unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:23 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Joanne Williams on 11/12/10