

McKinley Community Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20th, 2010, 6:30 p.m. – Center for Families Room 22 – 3333 North 4th St.

Present: Ricky Venson, John Hemp, Tammie Moore, William Bolton, Barbara Kennedy, Candace Lund, Yenviset Xiong, Joanne Williams, Chris Morris (Staff) and guests Tom Leighton, City of Minneapolis Planner, Ian Alexander, attorney and Matt Massman, NCEC Committee.

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Ricky Venson, Chair.
- 2) Special Guest: Tom Leighton, City of Minneapolis Planner, CPED
Tom Leighton reported that the current focus of the Lowery Avenue Strategic Plan is zoning and proceeded to review the 9/13/10 Final Draft of the Development and Housing Objectives.
 - a) The plan allows communities to create a ‘wish list’ covering such items as architectural features, open space, gardens and ‘green space, possible design features as well as housing objectives to create a healthy mix of uses.
 - b) It was suggested that McKinley Community might want to focus on the Emerson to Freemont blocks on Lowry with the idea of encouraging property owners to improve their properties. One method would be to have round table discussions focusing on expectations and resources.
 - c) The Zoning review on future land use, existing zoning and proposed zoning focuses on commercial, large density and medium density along the Lowry Avenue corridor.
 - d) The City Planning Department is looking for a letter of endorsement for the plan in the November/December time frame.
- 3) Morris introduced the second guest, Ian Alexander. Mr. Alexander stated that he will be opening a law office at 626 Lowry Ave. North. Alexander presented a request for a grant to support façade improvements and other exterior repairs.
- 4) Consent Agenda:
 - a.) Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve the proposed agenda.
 - b.) Motion made, seconded and unanimously to approve the August 19, 2010 Board meeting minutes.
- 5) Discussion & Votes:
 - a) McKinley Community Banner:
Morris presented a request to purchase a 4x4 to 5x5 banner similar to what we purchased for the CSA.
A motion to approve the purchase was made, seconded and passed with seven in favor with Director Moore abstaining.
 - b) McKnight Update:
Morris reported that a grant of \$20,000 was approved to fund general operations, events and staffing. A letter of intent is due on October 15th for the CSA grant for \$200,000 to \$300,000 with a multiple year pay-out. It takes two weeks for a response and then the final grant request would be due in three weeks.

- c) Phase II Update:
It was reported that the Phase II update is being finalized and will go to the members for a vote on November 1.
- d) Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC):
Matt Massman has been elected to the Commission to represent the nine North communities. His email address is mmassmannced@aol.com. Written comments on the Community Participation Program Guidelines are due by October 11th. After general discussion regarding the funding guidelines it was suggested that McKinley could anticipate a funding level of \$50,000.
- e) Lowry Avenue Update:
This matter was reviewed in detail with Tom Leighton (item 2.)
A motion was made, seconded and passed with all in favor to send a letter in support of the plan.
- f) Business Loan/Grant Request:
Following a discussion it was agreed that more research is needed to determine the feasibility of McKinley providing a business loan or grant.
A motion was made to move \$5,000 to Economic Development from Phase I Housing motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

6) 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.

7) Staff Update:

Morris reported that the Harvest Festival had a good attendance and plans are being made to expand it next year.

Common Cause is planning to do a community event to present information about redistricting.

Fund Raising is moving forward currently \$110 has been received.

Crime and Safety – Chris provided an update on problem properties.

8) Call to Adjourn – Venson

A motion was made, seconded and passed with unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Joanne Williams on 10/14/10