

McKinley Community Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 17th, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
Center for Families Room 22 – 3333 North 4th St.

Present: Jonathan Rich, John Hemp, Candace Lund, Yenviset Xiong, Richard Maas, Joanne Williams, and Chris Morris (Staff).

1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Jonathan Rich, Vice Chair.

2) 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 December Board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

3) Discussion and Votes:

- a) Board Resignation: Candace Lund recused herself to avoid any conflict of interest. Candace Lund then resigned from the McKinley Community Board of Directors due to a potential conflict of interest regarding personnel matters. The Board accepted the resignation of Candace with regret.
- b) Personnel Committee Report: Jonathan Rich reported that nine people applied for the position of McKinley CSA Director. Of the ten applicants, five were not fully qualified and were eliminated from the selection pool. The remaining five candidates were interviewed by the committee. Two of candidates lacked a balanced background; one applicant was clearly over qualified. Of the remaining two candidates the Personnel Committee infamously recommended that Jenny Skorupa be hired for the position.

A motion was made to hire Jenny Skorupa for the position of our CSA Director. The motion was seconded and passed with four in favor and one opposed.

- c) Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) Budget Approval: Chris Morris reported that the NCR is the future funding source of the City. Right now McKinley is slated to get \$50,594.87. We now have to submit a rough budget for how we plan to spend those dollars. The rough budget is included in the Board packet. The plan is to cover staff expenses, rent, phone and internet service, mailing expenses, staff and volunteer development. This is one part of our overall funding with other sources coming from McKnight, NRP and other grants. Chris was asked to provide the Board with an overall budget to include all line items irrespective of the funding source.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the tentative budget. The motion passed with all in favor.

- d) Rate Increase Request from Bookkeeper: Chris reported that the bookkeeper currently received a flat \$400 per month. She is now requesting an increase to \$450 per month. She has been our bookkeeper since 2005-2006 and has been at the same rate since then.

A motion was made to approve the increase to \$450 per month. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

- e) Other Farm Position Hiring: Chris advised that Ricky Venson wanted to bring this up for discussion. It was agreed that Jenny would have to make recommendations before the Board would need to take any action.

- f) Phase I and Phase II Dollar Discussion: Barbara Kennedy prepared a work sheet to be used by the Board to help us set priorities for the various items. Chris reported that the City still has to make a final decision. If it goes through as the City indicated in December, funds could be cut in half. Ranking the goals ahead of time will help us make the final decision when the funding level is set by the City.

4) John Hemp, Treasurer

All members reviewed the December 2010 Financial Statements provided.

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

5) Staff Update:

- a) Community Development Committee of the City Council: The Action Plan will be reviewed and Chris will attend and see how it plays out.
- b) Vacant House Report: Inspections are being made to keep the list up to date and submit to the City. The City recently had a house flagged for water shut off in November. The water never got shut off and the lines broke and created a serious problem.
- c) City View Land for the CSA: Chris reported that this is still pending.

7.) Call to Adjourn – Jonathan Rich

A motion was made, seconded and passed with unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Joanne Williams on 2/21/11