

EHFNA Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2018
7 - 8:30 pm
Walker Methodist Health Center, 3737 Bryant Ave S

Board Members in Attendance: Maggie Zawasky, Jeff Garris, Brian Nalezny, Rebecca Swartz, Rachel Holman

Board Members Absent: Noel, Spencer, Jon Marquet, Brian Newell, Michael Quinlan, Kara Kuhn

Non Board Members: Melissa Gould, Stacy Sorensen, Matt Perry, Sara Richards.

1. Announcements – Melissa has resigned to take the coordinator position, Sylvia is now our new babysitter, Brian is now the board chair. Two additional people needed to co-sign checks. Rebecca Swartz and Rachel Holman volunteered.

Email Board Vote on New Board Members

Move to add Maggie Zawasky and Rachel Holman to the Board. These two spots would be the open 1 year terms spots up for reelection in 2019.

Approved by Noel Spencer, Kara Kuhn, Jon Marquet, Rebecca Swartz, Michael Quinlan, Brian Newell

Abstain: Brian Nalezney, Jeff Garris

2. Minutes from July 9th and August 1
Motion to approve by Jeff Garris
Second by Rebecca Swartz.
All in attendance approved the vote
3. Park Report Informational - Sara Richards: Preschool teacher is sick so there have been temporary workers in her place. That has been an issue this summer. Flag football started for ages 11-12. No soccer teams due to low registration. Gymnastics and dance start this week. Kids night out starts this week - 5 to 12 years. 5 pm - 9 pm. School year hours have started - open most days at 3 pm.
4. Stacy Sorensen brought the NCR board survey to gather info on board members and representation of the neighborhood.
5. Matt Perry, Southwest Business Association update: city charter limits neighborhood restaurants from selling alcohol due to the bureaucratic "7 acre rule." Getting around it right now is very expensive. Vote yes on 1 would adjust policy to enable places outside of 7 contiguous commercial acres to get a liquor license. This would support local businesses. The Citizens for a Modern Minneapolis group is supporting this ballot initiative and no others. There is no formal opposition. Lawn signs are available and they are asking the board to lend support. If we lend support they will list us as a supporter on their website. Motion to support Vote Yes on 1 by Rebecca S. Second by Rachel H. Motion passed unanimously. Matt will follow up with some additional data.

Question re: Capital Area Plan: Will Bryant be completed this year (plan to repair and repave; consider different layouts)? If not, why? Answer is No because per public works, more lead time needed for community engagement due to the multi-modal use of Bryant. Project will start in 2021.

6. Southwest Area Master Plan and RecRequest update (Brian N.): Skipped.

7. Annual Meeting Discussion (Brian N.): Four board members need to be re-elected (Kuhn, Nalezny, Newell, Quinlan).
 - a. Discussion on suggestion that the board bylaws be adjusted to take away 10 minimum board meetings in order to encourage more significant meeting agendas and attendance. In practice we would keep the monthly meeting.

Jeff Garris motioned to change bylaws to minimum of 6 meetings instead of 10. Brian Nalezny seconded. Approved unanimously
 - b. Ideas for improvements to annual meeting - Consider narrowing hours to drive increased traffic and/or scheduled events to come for? 4 hours is the minimum police can be paid for.
 - c. There's no longer a board member on the annual mtg committee - consider joining starting in March!
 - d. Volunteer sign up sheet distributed.
 - e. **Motion to approve the budget for the annual meeting by Jeff Garris, seconded by Maggie Zawasky. Approved unanimously.**
8. Community Building committee update: Porchfest took place on 8/30. 15 houses participated. Musicians enjoyed it. It was a success.
9. Housing, zoning business and schools committee update: Lyndale school looking for \$5k for a theater program. We attempted to engage other neighborhoods on that but it didn't move forward. Also discussed how to handle variance requests. Most of the requests are not controversial, except for the development proposal for 36th and Bryant. Brian proposed a tiered way of handling variance requests - 1) simple requests handled via a non binding letter suggesting (this category has to meet one of three legal criteria- one is about the character of the neighborhood and that's what neighborhood board typically weighs in on) 2) a conditional use permit or zoning change would be handled via a community meeting.

10. Adjourned at 8:30

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Swartz
Approved by

Board President
Brian Nalezny