

**EHFNA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2020; 7 - 8:45 pm**

**Walker Methodist Health Center, 3737 Bryant Ave S**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Jon Martin, Brian Nalezny, Maggie Zawasky, Bob Carney Jr., Rick Michel, Maria Finsness, Peter Ecklund, Beth Popalisky, Jenny Taplin, Peter Allen

**Board Members Absent:** Karen Binkowski

**Non-Board Members:** Jacob Frey, Jaime Makepeace, Linea Palmisano, Cameron Cecchini, Grisha Hammes, Zac Farber, Sally Guill

1. Announcements – Theodore Wirth House and the superintendent wanting to live in the whole house taking away access away from public tours by the MPLS.
2. Mayor Jacob Frey Informational (7:05 – 7:37) – Stressed the importance of neighborhood associations.  
**His update and agenda consisted of three items:**
  1. Affordable Housing – 1,000 more units coming in 2020, with a focus on 30% Area Median Income.
  2. Economic Inclusion – working at the state level to set aside \$2.7 million for businesses in cultural districts to purchase their property.
  3. Policing – the Minneapolis Police are 95% compliant in using their body cameras. A new Cadet class of 40 was recently sworn in.Linea Palmisano is on the audit committee, working with Minneapolis Police Chief Medari Arradondo, going over the off-duty work being performed by police officers and bias training.
  - Jaime Makepeace, Mayor Fye’s Public Affairs Manager, is in charge of the census counting team and \$375,000 has been invested.
3. Ward 13 (CM Palmisano) Informational (7:38 – 7:48)
  - Kite Fest traffic – There were more than 7,500 attendees.
  - Bryant Avenue reconstruction from Lake Street to 50<sup>th</sup> and Bryant starts in 2022. The “hopes and dreams” designing part starts March/April 2020. It will take two years to design and two years for construction. They take into consideration the encroachment along the property line, competing properties and the inter-agency of MN Transit and Hennepin County. Liz Heyman is in charge of the first 30% of the project addressing zoning issues. The Bryant reconstruction will have a one-year overlap with the Grand Avenue reconstruction.
  - Airport Comprehension Plan
  - Heritage Preservation Audit – is complete. Not on line yet, it is still being edited. A letter should be coming out in two weeks.
4. Approval of December 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes (B Nalezny) **Action Required**  
***Jon Martin made a motion to approve December 4, 2019 meeting minutes.***  
***Jenny Taplin seconded.***  
***All in favor – yes by all board members in attendance.***
5. Budget (M Zawasky) Action Required  
***Jenny Taplin made a motion to approve 2020 Budget***  
***Rick Michel seconded.***  
***All in favor – yes by all board members in attendance.***
6. Adagio Art Wrap (M Gould) - Adagio was given a quote of \$750. The board would like to see the design and ask if SWBA will help fund.

7. Minneapolis Public Schools Comprehensive District Design (CDD) (B Nalezny) Informational – the vote is on April 10, 2020.
8. Neighborhoods 2020 (M Gould, B Nalezny) Informational – Three tier funding structure being released February 24, 2020.
9. Wirth House Tours (B Popalisky) Informational

**Email Vote on Theo Wirth House Tours 1/21/2020::**

**Motion for EHFNA to write a letter to MPRB in support of The Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society's request to be granted continued access to the Theodore Wirth House for the purpose of holding public tours.**

**Approved by:** Beth Popalisky, Jenny Taplin, Jon Martin, Maggie Zawasky, Brian Nalezny

**Absent:** Peter Allen, Karen Binkowski, Bob Carney Jr, Peter Ecklund, Maria Finsness, Richard Michel

10. Tenant (Grisha Hammes) Informational- has been open for almost three years and are wanting to expand into 4205 Bryant Ave. S. to add a lounge space for guests to conjugate before or after their dinner. They currently have 20-25 seats and don't want to expand past 49 seats as it changes their city permits and rules requiring bigger pass throughs and entry ways. They're taking over the space in March and hope to have the space open late spring or early summer. Tenant is open Tuesday – Saturday until 11pm.

11. Committee Reports

- a. Community Building, Parks, Environment
  - i. Harriet's Happy Hour March 19, 5-7pm
  - ii. Farmstead sign – in process
  - iii. Kite Festival Results- EHFNA sold 380 Kites for \$3000 to EHFNA.
- b. Housing, Zoning, Business, Schools
- c. Safety

**Minutes submitted by Jenny Taplin**

**Approved by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board President**  
**Brian Nalezny**