

EHFNA Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020; 7 - 8:30 pm

Zoom Video Conference

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

Board Members Absent: None

Non-Board Members: Melissa Gould, Brianna Lane, Roger Worm, Adam Faitek

Announcements

- Zoom Meeting: Please mute yourself when you are not talking to control background noise. Feel free to use the chat function and the EHFNA Secretary will read your question/comment to the group.
- Fall Fest will be canceled this year and a virtual annual meeting will be held instead; working out how to digitally execute meeting and vote

Approval of May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes (B Nalezny)

Motion to approve May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Karen Binkowski made the motion

Bob Carney Jr seconded the motion

All voted in favor

July Meeting (B Nalezny)

Decision made to schedule meeting on July 1, 2020 at 7pm and reserve option to cancel if there are no action items

Neighborhoods 2020 (M Gould)

- End of public comment is July 15
- The plan as it stands takes EHFNA operating funds down from \$28,000 per year to \$10,000 per year (in 2023 and ongoing). An additional \$17,643 could be accessed from the Equitable Engagement Fund, but these funds will require an equity focus, plus more planning and reporting (the details are not completely clear)
 - Karen & Maria to draft brief request asking city to reduce our restrictions on how we spend our current funds
- Does EHFNA wish to submit a response? See draft letter.
 - Questions posed by board members: What can the city do about police accountability? Could we have clarification about what they mean by “underrepresented” (do they not live here, do they not show up to meetings and events, etc)?

COVID 19 Response (B Nalezny)

- Block leader program discussed
 - Melissa to try and get the current block leader names

Neighborhood Safety (B Nalezny) Discussion

- Support Businesses for Protective Equipment (fire hydrants & plywood)
Motion to repay 100% of costs to date (6/03/20) of boarding up supplies, carpenter labor, and fire extinguishers for locally owned businesses up to \$8,000 total, with an individual business cap of \$1,500
Karen Binkowski made the motion
Rik Michel seconded the motion
All voted in favor
- Other ideas for ways to support the neighborhood?
 - Brian to draft a letter for board review and edits requesting the city to remove requirements for police presence at neighborhood events with alcohol, potentially with neighborhoods submitting a safety plan

Committee Reports

- a. Community Building, Parks, Environment – didn't meet
- b. Housing, Zoning, Business, Schools – no report
- c. Safety – didn't meet

Minutes submitted by Karen Binkowski

Approved by _____

Board President
Brian Nalezny