

# EHFNA Board Meeting Minutes

4101 Harriet Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

January 5, 2022 7- 8:30 pm  
Zoom Video Conference

**Board members in attendance:** Rick Michel, Jon Martin, Brandon Bell, Maggie Zawasky, Brian Nalezny, Peter Allen, Beth Popalisky, Kendra Lewis, Aaron Hartung, Jenny Taplin, Maria Finsness.

**Non-Board Members in attendance:** Megan Nolan, Roger Worm, Helen Schnoes, Linea Palmisano, Aisha Chughtai, LyLy.

## 1. Announcements, Introductions and Meeting Etiquette (M Zawasky) 7:00-7:05

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. In order to allow meeting attendees to speak freely, please refrain from recording meetings as per EHFNA Standard of Conduct policy dated 7/9/19 and upheld by vote on 9/2/20.

## 2. Approval of December 2021 Meeting Minutes (M Zawasky) 7:05-7:10

Motion to approve September 2021 meeting minutes: Brandon Bell, second: Peter Allen, All present approve.

## 3. Commissioner Updates 7:10-7:30

### CM Linea Palmisano:

Introduction of Aisha Chughtai

Summary of swearing-in and Inauguration ceremony for new city council.

Kite Fest: Concerns about traffic management.

Request input from the board regarding frequency of in person updates

Discussion about balancing open meeting requirements with COVID protocols: LiveTV with active phone call in currently for Live participation.

### CM Aisha Chughtai

Introduction, past organizing experience.

LyLy Sr. Policy Aid.

Request input from the board on 3 topics:

1) How Frequently would board like to Aisha to give updates

2) Suggestions on the Ward News letter: Proceeding with the list from outgoing CM Bender.

3) Upcoming Events and the best way to make sure they are on CM Chughtai's calendar.

## 4. Redistricting Discussion (M Zawasky) 7:30-7:45

Window for giving feedback from the board on Ward redistricting is closing.

Should the board make a request and what should it be?

Can ward lines in general be drawn to align with Neighborhood boundaries?

What is the problem with the status quo with EHFN split between ward 10 and ward 13?

Motion from the EHFNA board that the redistricting process should adjust ward boundaries so that the entire East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood resides in a single ward and that ward should be ward 13: Jon Martin, second Brandon Bell.

Yea: Rick Michel, Jon Martin, Brandon Bell, Maggie Zawasky, Jenny Taplin, Aaron Hartung,

Nay: Peter Allen

Abstain: Brian Nalezny, Beth Popalisky, Kendra Lewis.

Motion Passes.

## 5. Equitable Engagement (M Zawasky) 7:45-8:00

Planning is to give regular updates on commitments to support the plan.

Committees' activities to support the plan

Renter engagement: 1/2022-3/2022: reach out to apartment building owners and managers

Sr engagement: Contact neighborhood organizations that support Sr, and those that might be interested in partnerships.

**6. Kite Fest (M Zawasky)**

8:00-8:10

Kite prices have doubled since last year so out prices will go up. We still have kites at price points from \$5 to \$25. Volunteer sign ups.

**7. Committee Updates:**

8:10-8:25

Green Spaces and Places (Co-Chairs: Brian Nalezny and Brandon Bell): H Schnoes update on water mural project. Signed contract with Artist. 43rd and Colfax high potential site. Begin engagement with neighbors on the corners. Rough schedule of activities to align with Barton plant sale in the spring, Art work design in May. Permitting over the summer. Celebration to align with Barton fall fest.

Neighborhood Engagement (J Martin): Kite fest final preparations. Update on re-branding project and schedule of meetings (Tuesdays during Committee meetings: All are welcome to attend) RFP in April, complete by June. Plan to launch neighborhood connectors in April.

Community Partnerships (Co-Chairs: Beth Popalisky and Aaron Hartung) : working on creating and building relationships.