

EHFNA Board Meeting Minutes
4101 Harriet Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55409

February 2, 2022 7- 8:30 pm
Zoom Video Conference

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

Non-Board Members in attendance: Aisha Chughtai, LyLy VangYang

1. Announcements, Introductions and Meeting Etiquette (Jenny Taplin)

7:00-7:05

2. Council Member Aisha Chughtai Update:

CM Chughtai reviewed her hilites for the last month. Topics included Committee assignments, Review of Mayoral nominee for Director of Public Works, Redistricting, Affordable housing trust fund allocation, Woman's Shelter approval, New Government Structure.

3. Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes (M Zawasky)

7:05-7:10

Brandon Bell: Motion to approve January 2022 meeting minutes. Second: Jenny Taplin. All present approve.

4. Approval of revised bylaws (M Zawasky)

7:10-7:15

Rick Michel: Motion to approve revised bylaws. Second: Brandon Bell. All present approve.

5. Approval of Increased Neighborhood Network Funds Budget (M Zawasky)

7:15-7:20

Jon Martin: Motion to approve increased Neighborhood Network Funds Budget. Second: Jenny Taplin. All present approve.

6. Equitable Engagement commitments for Jan-March(M Zawasky)

7:35-7:50

A) Reach out to apartment building managers and owners, Start with >4-plexes. Create a database. City has a list of rental licenses that may help ID owners.

B) Building relationships with neighborhood stakeholders: Schools, Churches, Parks, Businesses, Sr. Housing and care facilities, Police liaison officer.

7. Kite Fest Update (M Zawasky)

7:50-8:00

It was a cold day, but there was a big turnout. Wind was just enough to get the kites in the air. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the kite sales.

8. Committee Updates

8:00-8:25

Neighborhood Engagement (J Martin)

Rebranding update (Kendra Lewis) Everyone is invited to participate. First meeting was a brainstorming session of likes and dislikes. Homework for the next meeting it to bring examples of brands you think are doing a good job. Next meeting: start drafting and RFP: What do we want? What is the ask?

Community Partnerships (B. Popalisky): Would like to know what the budget can be for projects during conversations with stakeholder.

Green Spaces and Places (B. Bell): Garbage Claw idea to promote walking and cleaning. Researching costs and planning how/when to distribute. Community garden. We would like to accelerate the implementation: Reaching out to park board project manager to better understand the process and the constraints. Letter of support for renewing the tree canopy levee.

9. New Business

8:25-8:30

Next Meeting: March 2, 2022 at 7p.m.