

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

March 02, 2022 7- 8:30 pm
Zoom Video Conference

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

Non-Board Members in attendance: Megan Nolan, Constance Pepin, Jayne, Linea Palmisano

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

2. Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Aaron Hartung : Motion to approve February 2022 meeting minutes, Jenny Taplin 2nd , All present approve.

3. Council Member Palmisano Updates 7:10-7:30

Counsel **VP** Palmisano: Focus on communication between Mayor and the rest of the city counsel, and triage popup issues at City Hall. Also helping to orient new members.

Implementation of Question1: Redefining rolls and responsibilities: May take 1-2 years to fully implement.

Public safety: After Action Review of 10 days following the George Floyd killing, by an outside independent firm was mentioned. Public Safety Meeting scheduled for 3/21 6:30pm at Mt. Olivet.

Tree levy ended in 2021: Hoping to sustain and grow the tree canopy with support from Public and Private partners such as the MET counsel(Airport).

Teachers strike: School Board is responsible for labor contract negotiations. City Counsel may discuss ways to assure that kids get meals when schools are closed.

4. Presentation on potential Robert's Bird Sanctuary project (Constance Pepin) 7:30-7:40

Acknowledged previous support from the board. Programs are starting up again in the spring. Capitol improvements are planned for the visitor's center, to replace sinking asphalt pad with a wooden deck. Fundraising will take place in the spring, Constructions is planned for late summer or fall 2022, ~\$70K total project cost. Anticipating ~\$20K request from the EHFNA board.

5. Equitable Engagement (M Zawasky) 7:40-8:00

Continue to reach out to building managers. Promote common goals of Public Safety, Renter Retention, through building a engaged community.

Srs: Continue work to build relationships with Stakeholders (Walker)

6. Budget Updates (M Zawasky) 8:00-8:10

Expiring Funds: need to brainstorm and propose big projects to utilize these funds.

7. Committee Updates

Re-branding: Working on RFP. Need to update city website with revised mission and vision statements was mentioned.

Neighborhood Engagement (J Martin)

Community Partnerships (B. Popalisky/A. Hartung)

Green Spaces and Places (B. Nalezny/B. Bell) 8:10-8:25

Garbage Claw: 6 claws and 10 bags: \$91.40. Motion to allocate funds: Rick Michel, 2nd : Beth Popalisky, All present approve.

Storm Drain Program is moving forward.

Community Garden: Contact with park board staff.

Earth Day is Friday April 22.

8. New Business 8:25-8:30

Jon Martin: Redistricting: new boundaries have been finalized. East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood will be 100% in ward 13.

Megan Nolan: May 14th City Wide neighborhood events are encouraged by the city. Board should try to brainstorm and make a decision for EHFNA event in the April board meeting.

Next EHFNA Board Meeting April 6, 2022 at 7pm