



March 2, 2011, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Walker Methodist, 3737 Bryant Ave. S.

Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Susan Gray, Donovan Hart, Chris Iverson, Mike Jensen, Zack Mullinax, Brian Nalezny, and Nick Petersen

Board members not present: Jeremy Fink

Community members present: Commissioner Brad Bourn, Council Member Betsy Hodges, and Deb Schirber

1. Meeting called to order, welcome, and announcements - N. Petersen
 - D. Hart announced that the Open Street Cyclovia is planned for Saturday, June 12. Volunteers have started to collect signatures required for the event and the event has been well received to date.
 - D. Schirber announced a possible cleaning day at the EHFNA office. The date is TBD.
2. Approval of January Meeting minutes - N. Petersen
 - D. Hart moved to approve the minutes, S. Gray seconded the motion.
 - The board voted 6-0 to approve, N. Petersen abstained.
3. Approval of February Meeting minutes - N. Petersen
 - S. Gray moved to approve the minutes, B. Nalezny seconded the motion.
 - The board voted 6-0 to approve, N. Petersen abstained.
4. Council Members' Report - Council Member B. Hodges
 - The last Ward 13 breakfast will occur on April 20.
 - The Neighborhood Fund Work Group will issue a report on March 9 regarding city property tax issue & NRP funding issue.
 - Applications for appointments to the City Re-districting committee are being accepted.
 - Governor Dayton submitted a budget at the state legislature with no cuts to local funding.
 - Mayor Rybak's office organized listening meetings around the city regarding rising property taxes.
 - Call 311 to report potholes.
5. Dog Park - N. Petersen
 - Nick shared a draft letter responding to Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) decision to create Community Action Committee (CAC) with the mandate to recommend a site for a dog park within the 6th Park District.
 - The letter expressed concern with the scope of the CAC mandate, the short timeline that the MPRB gave to the CAC to issue a report, the communities

excluded from the CAC, and the pre-selected sites included in the CAC's mandate.

- The EHFNA Board expressed its concerns verbally to MPRB Commissioner Brad Bourn. Commissioner Bourn agreed to ask the MPRB to amend the CAC mandate to delete language that directed the CAC to only recommend a site among the three pre-selected sites included in the CAC mandate.
- The MPRB budgeted \$32,000 for a dog park. Additional funds may be available.
- There was a motion to approve the draft letter and allow N. Petersen to amend the letter to include language describing the promise that Commissioner Bourn made to bring a proposal before the MPRB to amend the CAC mandate, the motion was seconded.
- The Board approved the motion 6-0, N. Petersen abstained.

6. Dog Park CAC Appointments - D. Hart

- EHFNA Parks, Environment, & Schools Committee created CAC candidate selection criteria and advertised to the EHFNA about the open CAC position.
- CAC candidate selection committee interviewed 5 candidates.
- The CAC candidate selection committee recommended the appointment of Dean Carlson and Carol Thomas to the CAC.
- There was a motion to appoint Dean Carlson and Carol Thomas to the CAC, the motion was seconded.
- The Board approved the motion 6-0, N. Petersen abstained.

7. CPP Application - D. Hart

- EHFNA completed and submitted its Community Participation Program (CPP) application by the February 11 deadline.
- NCEC is meeting informally on March 16 to review and discuss CPP applications. City staff will provide EHFNA feedback about its application after the informal meeting, if there is any feedback.
- NCEC will meet formally to consider and approve CPP applications on March 22.

8. Adjourn

- Motion to table the Park Report and Committee Reports passed 6-0, N. Petersen abstained.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Iverson on Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

Minutes Approved by the Board on April 6, 2011

Minutes Approved by:

Nick Petersen
EHFNA Chair