

EHFNA Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018. 7 - 8:30 pm
Walker Methodist Health Center, 3737 Bryant Ave S

Board Members in Attendance: Melissa Gould, Brian Nalezny, Jeff Garris, Kara Kuhn, Brian Newell, Brianna Christie, Jon Marquet and Rebecca Swartz

Board Members Absent: Noel Spencer and Michael Quinlan

Non Board Members: Deb Schirber, Sara Richards, Tom Holmes, Dave Aeikens

No Announcements

EHFNA Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2017 meeting approved at a later meeting.

The following gave reports:

Council Member Palmisano (Ward 13)

Park Report from Sara Richards

MnDot 1-35W Project was presented by David Aeikens, MNDot Metro Communications.

David presented the 4 year I-35 W from 62 to 94 projects and how it will affect the neighborhoods.

Upcoming closures affecting East Harriet residents:

38th Street bridge early March and will remain closed through mid-summer 2018. In order to demolished the bridge, I-35 will be closed from 62 to I94 over the first weekend of demolition.

36th Street ramp southbound to I-35 will close in conjunction with the 38th Street bride and will remain closed through mid-summer 2018.

The NB exit to I-94 west and the downtown exists will be closing this spring/summer and will remain closed to buses for 1 year and cars until 2021. Buses will be routed to Blaisdell and Portland Avenues. Residents that work downtown are encouraged to use public transportation or detour – W62 to 100 to 394 downtown. Board members expressed concern about increased traffic through the neighborhood and that public transit or working from home may not work for everyone.

East Harriet will continue to keep the neighborhood updated on future closures through eNews and the website.

2017-2018 CPP Budget Update (M. Gould)

Approval to move \$581.25 from Meeting & Community Building to Staff Expenses.

Approved by John Marquet moved to approve moving money from community to staff expenses.

Rebecca Swartz 2nd the motion

All board members in attendance voted in favor of the motion

Redeveloped Project of VOA Building (B. Nalezny) Informational

- City would have to grant approval of rezoning from commercial to residential (R-5) and seek approval property variances before project could move forward.
- Rent ranges from \$1100-\$1400
- Building would consist of 41 1-bedroom rental units
- 20 parking spots available in underground garage, with access from alley

Board members voiced concerns about building set-backs, exterior building materials, and lack of retail on main floor.

W. 40th St. Resurfacing Project by City of Mpls Public Works (Chris Trembath & Eric Feehily)

Updated on overall project scope and schedule. Concrete replacement work will start in mid-May with asphalt mill and overlay work following starting June 1. Project duration for each street in the Lakewood & Harriet Neighborhoods will be approximately 2 days.

Kitefest Update (D. Schirber)

EHFNA profited \$904 at Kitefest. Board discussed ways of making Kitefest even more successful 2019.

- Extend hours of event
- Change shuttle pick-up locations & use larger shuttles
- Change food truck locations
- More volunteers
- Long term goals for the Kitefest are possibly extended the event to 2 days and hosting an event in the parking lot Friday & Saturday of event.
- Possible name change

Neighborhoods are invited to attend Community Connections Conference, Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Committee Reports

- Community Building, Parks & Environment Committee – Did not meet
- Housing, Zoning Business and Schools (B.Nalezny) – Met January 30th at Studio 2 to learn about redevelopment project VOA site
- Safety & Transportation Committee (M.Gould) - Did not meet

Adjourned at 8:40

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Swartz and Kara Kuhn

Approved by

Board Vice President

Brian Nalezny