

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

June 1, 2022 7- 8:30 pm  
Zoom Video Conference

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

**Non-Board Members in attendance:** Megan Nolan, Helen Schnoes, Aisha Chughtai, Paul Johnson, Nic Holzhauer, Engle Vanagait, Julia Gillis, Katya Pilling

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

Updates to the agenda:

- Lakewood Cemetery
- Walker Affordable housing project
- Storm Drain Mural project update

**Storm Drain Mural update:** Helen Schnoes: Partnership with Barton. Location: 42<sup>nd</sup> & Colfax. New approval from the city. Painting sometime in July. Community celebration planning for the fall.

**2. Council Member Aisha Chughtai Updates 7:05-7:20**

10<sup>th</sup> Ward Council Member: Completed first budget with new city council- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARPA funds allocated.

Hilites:

- Support for small business conversion to gender neutral BR.
- Small Business Technical Assistance funding for businesses adjacent to cultural corridors
- Alternative response teams expanding to 1 van per district
- Hennepin Av redevelopment schedule delayed due to additional research on bus rapid transit.

Discussion topics:

- What is the new input on 24/7 BRT lanes on Hennepin Av?
- Additional Renter support with the eviction moratoriums ending?
- Transportation redevelopment plans conflict with support for small businesses (bike lanes vs parking) Safety issue around Bryant bike lanes design adjacent to pedestrian walkway, too close to Walker center.

**3. Lakewood Cemetery New Welcome Center project presentation:**

150 anniversary of Lakewood Cemetery. Updates on Wed site.

- Paul Johnson, Julia Gillis: overview.
- Engle Vanagaite Ten x Ten Landscape Architect
- Karen Lu: Snow Kreilich
- Katya Pilling: JE Dunn
- Nic Holzhauer: JE Dunn: Work hours: 7am-6pm M-F.

Question on access to cemetery from 40<sup>th</sup> and Dupont gate

**4. Approval of May 2022 Meeting Minutes (M Zawasky) 7:20-7:25**

Motion to approve May 2022 meeting minutes : Beth Popalisky, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jenny Taplin, All present approve.

**5. Discussion of support for Robert's Bird Sanctuary (B Popalisky) 7:25-7:35**

Vote of Support for Robert's Bird Sanctuary:

Motion to provide a letter of support of the expenditure of Park Dedicated funds up to \$20,000 for new Deck to improve access for seniors and ADA compliance: Beth Popalisky, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maggie Zawasky, All present approve.

**5. Walker Expansion (M Zawasky) 7:35-7:45**

Motion to submit updated letter of support for Walker project to create new affordable Sr housing: Jon Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jenny Taplin, All present approve, with one abstention: Beth Popalisky.

**6. Ice Cream Social/Feedback Recap (M Zawasky) 7:45-7:50**

Steady Stream of neighbors.

**7. Annual Meeting (M Zawasky) 8:00-8:10**

Sept 17 10am-noon (hybrid). Vote to extend terms til spring Neighborhood day.

Fall fest to follow.

**8. Committee Updates** 8:10-8:25

Community Partnerships (B. Popalisky/A. Hartung)

Road Construction Survival Plan for affected small businesses:

Motion to approve up to \$1000 for communication measures to support local businesses during construction: Beth Polalyski, 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Jenny Taplin. All present approve.

Green Spaces and Places(B. Nalezny/B. Bell)

Neighborhood Engagement: Open street on Sun

Equitable Engagement update: Letters to property managers have been mailed.

**9. Rebranding Update (K Lewis)**

7:50-8:00

3 RFPs returned so far. Interviews ASAP in early June.

**10. New Business**

8:25-8:30

Movies in the park June 13 or 16.

Open board position: Applicants will answer 2 questions:

Tell us about yourself?

Tell us why you would like to be on the board.

Board will vote and assign other to committees.

Next EHFNA Board Meeting July ?