



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

Creekview Park

Board Meeting Minutes February 11, 2014

Board members in attendance: Pam Owens(C), Jeff Strand(VC), Daren Johnson(T), Carol McCrillis(S), Lori Thayer, Marie Castle, Larry Bontreger, Julie Voight, Brittany Lewis, Laura Seifert

Guests: Kelsey Dawson Walton(Hennepin County Works), Nate Phelps(Center for Energy and Environment), Jon Olson and Sara Richards (MPRB), Alex Phasy (Lao Assistance Center), Sunny Chanthahouvang(Lao Assistance Center)

Members in attendance: Jeff Johnson, Cathrin Peets

Board members not in attendance: Brock Hanson(e), Daren Johnson(T)(e), Salleno Simmons (e)

1. Welcome and Introductions by Chair Owens at 6:30pm

2. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Motion to approve the agenda but have Lao Assistance Center first on the agenda, due to Penn Ave Improvements not present yet, Brittany Lewis and Jeff Strand, motion carried.

3. Lao Assistance Center: Sunny and Alex give presentation

- a. LAC has received a grant to help have volunteers learn about being a board member
- b. 6 classes of training so can bring benefits, currently have 2 people looking to join the training from Shingle Creek neighborhood who possibly could go through the LAC training
- c. Alex LAC project coordinator: This project is designed to train and produce local leaders in the Lao community. Just started second training last week. Only 13% have college graduate rather than national average of 28%?
- d. 4 cohorts lasting 5-6 weeks and haven't placed anyone yet.
- e. Thank you for SCNA's support. If anything happens that you need translation give him a call. It's uncertain at this time how many Lao living in the Shingle Creek area.

4. Penn Ave Improvement: Kelsey Dalson Walton

- a. County wants to invest in the Penn Ave area due to Bottineau line and wanted to invest in the area to supporting connectivity, help stimulate economic development, and enhance livability.
- b. Area includes up to 49th, Met Transit and Hennepin County, City and many partners
- c. Over 40 different plans for this area. Part of consultant work to look at all the plans. Developed a steering committee: Agencies, Electeds Opat Higgins, Johnson, Goodman, Yang, Northpoint, Summit, Kim Ellison
- d. Project implementation Committee: Lowry Business Association, At Large members, Foundation is the community. Want to create a community
- e. HKGI Consultants were chosen today for the project.
- f. Want to get a pilot project started soon.
- g. Project won't take homes but will be taking a housing inventory
- h. February 26th, the next meeting, consultants will be at the next meeting 6pm

- i. SCNA raises concerns about the project not going up to the city limits. Who owns that portion of Brooklyn Boulevard? Also ask about what the plans are for the Howe Fertilizer potential development site.
- 5. Shingle Creek Clean-up: April 26th 9:30-Noon**
- a. Do we have volunteers? Jeff Johnson states there's a new person incharge at MPRB of running the overall citywide efforts. What does SCNA want as far as event?
 - a. 20th Celebration this year, food, etc.
 - b. Pam, Lori, Larry, willing to help volunteer,
 - c. Motion to approve \$500 for the Clean-up and to have Jeff Johnson as the site coordinator for this year's 20th event, by Jeff Strand, Brittany Lewis, motion carried
6. Motion to move CEE Nate Phelps up on the agenda by Jeff Strand, Laura Seifert, motion carried.
- 7. Center for Energy and Environment: Nate Phelps reports overview of the Home and Improvement Loan Program**
- a. History of SCNA Home Improvement Loan program
 - b. In the past, CEE used program income for loans and was given authority to use those funds to close loans in the neighborhood.
 - c. The city has as of June 2013 retrieved SCNA's program income.
 - d. SCNA has to request to reissue funds back to programs. Where it goes is up to SCNA.
 - e. Motion to have the Housing committee review and come back with recommendations by Brittany Lewis, Laura Seifert, motion carried.
- 8. Officers report:**
- a. Secretary's report:**
 - a. Motion to approve the SCNA minutes January 14, 2013 minutes by Laura, Jeff Strand, m-c
 - b. Community Calendar for 2014 Motion to approve the calendar as amended Laura, Brittany, motion carried
 - b. Treasurer's Report January 14, 2014**
 - a. Motion to receive and file and pay the monthly bills by Jeff Strand, Lori Thayer, motion-carried
- 9. Old/New Business**
- a. **Sliding Hill Event Evaluate:** At least 40 people, awesome day weather, new committee chair, learned from participants about the neighborhood.
 - b. **Directors and Officers Insurance:** Letter from city will be looking to establish Neighborhood Emergency Relief fund and will cover emergencies and other items in addition to that Directors and Officers Insurance might not. Need further clarification.
 - c. **SCNA Committees:**
 - (1) Bylaws Committees would be a temporary committee. Tuesday, Feb 18th, TBD, 5:30pm Creekview Park
 - (2) Executive Committee is a Standing Committee
 - (3) Finance committee: Temporary
 - (4) Housing and Infrastructure: Standing
 - (5) Community Engagement and Outreach: Standing Brittany
 - (6) Events: Standing Lori, Pam
 - (7) Youth: Standing Julie
 - (8) Crime and Safety: Standing Pam
 - (9) Communication Committee Standing: Laura
 - (10) Garden Committee: Standing Larry, Katrine

Motion to adopt the committees and chair people by Jeff Strand, Larry Bontreger, motion carries.

- d. **Loring School:** A proposal to have SCNA fund a professional playwright for \$400 for the Loring School by Jeff Strand, Julie Voight, motion carries
- e. **Neighborhood Priority Plan:** Emerald Ash Borer saving trees
- f. Want to get on agenda next month for Patrick Henry Robotics, how it's creating community engagement

Motion to adjourn by Carol McCrillis, Marie Castle at 8:30pm