



## **Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association**

**Creekview Park 6:30-8:30pm**

**SCNA February 8, 2016 Board Mtg**

**Board member attendees:** Pam Owens (C), Jeffrey Strand (VC), Daren Johnson(T), Carol McCrillis(S), Larry Bontreger, Lori Thayer, Julie Gillis(e), Julie Voight(e), Fred Statema, Marie Castle(e) Ed Morales, and staff.

### **1. Welcome and call to order by Chair Owens at 6:32pm**

### **2. Approval of Agenda:**

a. Mr. Mike Tate, Save our Parks requests to address board. Motion to add Mr. Tate first on the agenda, by Mr. Strand, Ms. Thayer, m-c.

b. Motion to approve amended agenda to allow Mr. Mike Tate to speak about Save our Parks by Mr. Statema, Mr. D. Johnson, m-c.

### **3. Mike Tate: Save the Parks**

a. He is a volunteer coach at North Commons. Children activist. Here for the referendum. Not for national parks. Looking for support for the referendum.

b. Referendum is to help support the Gap financing to help the parks. 161 neighborhood parks. Underfunded. Transparent 15 million over 20 years. Targeted map provided by Mr. Strand. Target areas which include Shingle Creek area.

c. CLIC committee concerned that MPRB couldn't keep up with the demand. Deliver on budget and on time. Need City Council approval for the referendum 2016.

### **4. Officer's Reports**

a. **February's Treasurer's report** presented by Treasurer Daren Johnson

b. Motion to approve the February Treasurer's report and pay the bills by Ms. Castle, Mr. Bontreger, m-c

c. Bookkeeper update: Ms. Voight had been willing to be the bookkeeper but due to life getting busier, she is wishing to step aside from that role. Motion to have SCNA solicit a bookkeeper by placing an ad in the Camden news and SCNA March newsletter with a deadline of Mar 18, board members can then screen candidates by April 5th, the rate will be \$35/hr, and not to exceed \$500 for placing ad, Mr. Strand, Mr. Bontreger, m-c



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d. Motion to have chair purchase quickbooks support and if the support doesn't resolve the difficulty then SCNA should get a full version of the nonprofit QB up to \$400.00 by Mr.Strand, Mr. Bontreger, m-c

**e. Board Building:**

i. Motion to have SCNA become members of MNCouncil of Nonprofits for \$100 and Charities review council funds \$100, by Mr. D. Johnson, Mr. Bontreger, m-c

ii. Staff shares what the benefits of having an all cash contribution board when seeking funding from outside sources and in preparation for the Charities Review: Motion to have cash contribution draft policy/process drafted for SCNA board consideration for next meeting by Mr. D. Johnson, Mr. Bontreger, m-c.

**5. Secretary's report.** Motion to approve the January board minutes by Mr. Strand, Mr. Bontreger, m-c

**6. Draft Board Manual document** presented by staff for board's consideration for onboarding and ongoing board reference. Board requests staff bring quote to next meeting of what it would cost to print for board members

**7. Draft 2016 Budget distributed:**

a. Motion to approve draft 2016 budget as presented by Ms. Thayer, Mr. Statema, m-c

**8. Goals for SCNA: After drafting the initial action plan for 2016, what are the board's thoughts on goals for 2016.**

a. Keep on doing what we're doing is fine. Watch for opportunities to add something.

b. April is a busy month: April 9th Steam conference. April 2nd City Convention, April Board Annual meeting. Goal increase attendance at Steam this year to 150 and increase by two vendors. SCNA will table at Community Conference and promote its work and programs and seek new participants.

c. New steps to increase diversity: SCNA will invite Mr. Yang out to the March Board meeting. One take away from attending the multicultural meeting: Don't need to speak their language but understand their culture. If you can talk to them you can invite them and may get more involved. Ask Blong Yang to our group. Long term connectedness. Perhaps could come to our events? Reach out to him to attend a meeting/event.

d. SCNA will be working in the coming year to reach the city commitments.

e. SCNA Board member consensus to have a goal to talk to one new person to invite them. Having food and music could help to lead to more participation. Need to consider how to add these elements.



f. Community engagement vs outreach. Are there other events that SCNA can go to to find out & establish new relationships. Groups like: Painted the exercise stencils. Asian American community. 44th Holiday. IC Socials. Others have done a rapid Engagement at the bus stops. Consider adding new engagement elements into SCNA's work this year.

## 9. Old/New Business:

a. **Renter's Coalition:** They will help initiate a door knock, provide data, we need to identify a renter to be a liaison. SCNA has authorized joining. Goal to increase renter participation in our neighborhood. Motion to apply to join and approve payment of fee of \$2,000. by Mr. Strand, Mr. Bontreger, m-c

b. **Northside Housing Fair request:** Motion to allocate \$200 and table at the March 3 housing event. m-c.

c. **KIPP request for elementary school brings up a possible newsletter policy about advertising.** See what NCR policy is about neighborhoods having advertising in their newsletters. See what other neighborhood policy is doing. Waite Park has good newsletter. Think about electronic newsletter, with an opt-in option. Draft policy by next meeting.

d. **MN Council of Nonprofits Finance Conference.** Motion to set aside up to three stipends for SCNA Board members seeking to improve their board capacity by attending, by Mr. Strand, Mr. D. Johnson, m-c. Mr. Bontreger, Mr. Statema, and Ms. Owens show interest in attending on March 3.

e. **Neighborhoods 2020** Jan 28th meeting: Mr. Strand attended the meeting. Erik Gustafson chairs. Mr. Strand shared with 2020 group that: Neighborhoods need regular funding from 2017-2020. Neighborhoods need funding for food, Need a substitute if taking housing foreclosure. Need to recognize and strengthen neighborhood orgs. Get neighborhoods together similar to a neighborhood congress. And need to have Legislative continuation beyond 2020.

f. **Loring School Carnival May 15<sup>th</sup> letter.** Loring School seeking support for Silent Auction. Gift certificates and/or donations needed.

g. **Tiny fields in Victory neighborhood:** They want to expand. Would need to have one person to run it. She would be willing to talk to us about it. Larry would be interested in being the point person. Would like to invite her to come and speak next month. SCNA consensus to have her to come to March meeting.

**10. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Castle, Mr. Statema at 8:27pm m-c**



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