



SCNA Board meeting Rescheduled January 15, 2019 minutes Creekview Park 6:30-8:00pm

Board member attendees: Larry Bontreger(C), Jeff Strand (VC), Deanna Averill(T)(e), MarLynn Schleeter(S), Lori Thayer, Fred Statema(e), Julie Voight, Jared Voight, Patty West, Marty Grimes, Meg Allen(e) Guest: SCNA staff Amy Luesebrink

- 1. Welcome, meeting called to order at 6:35pm and introductions by Chair Bontreger**
- 2. Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with addition of c for three Announcements by Mr. Strand, Ms. West, m-c**
- 3. Officer reports:**
 - A. Treasurer's report: staff: Monthly financial reports as prepared by bookkeeper distributed, Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss sheets, reconciliation bank statement. Additional items for the January treasurer's report that came in mail: USLI D&O insurance: \$277.13, Davanni's Pizza(GF reimb) \$75.73.**
 - i. Staff notes the following items to be reviewed and corrected for the QB reports by bookkeeper. (See bkgrd info in monthly packet)**
 - ii. Motion to accept the treasurer's report with the changes and pay the monthly bills by Ms. West, Ms. Grimes, m-c**
 - B. Secretary report: MarLynn Schleeter:**
 - i. SCNA Board meeting minutes** December 10, 2019 presented in board packet. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Ms. West, Mr. Strand, m-c.
 - ii. Did SCNA apply for the Census 2020 grant (\$750) yes. Application in process.**
 - C. Announcements:**
 - i. Kim Jeppsen President of Hennepin County Historical Society event**
 - ii. Hennepin County passed a resolution for welcoming refugees.** Can the SCNA Board send a short note or email stating that "We the SCNA Board applaud Hennepin County Commissioners for voting to pass a resolution affirmatively saying we welcome refugees, in response to President Trump's presidential decree?" Motion to have SCNA send such a note/email to HC Commissioner Fernando by Mr. Strand, Ms. Voight, m-c (1 abstention)
 - iii. CURA at UROC NCEC will be hosting CURA** for their proposal 5-7pm. NRP Policy Board members invited also. Tuesday, January 28th
 - C. Herobotics partnership and Community Connections Conference:**
 - i. Herobotics would like to partner with SCNA again on the Community Connections Conference.** Board discussion of process and promotion possibilities:
 - *Need to register for the conference.
 - *Need to register for tables, group table, and 120 flash presentation
 - *Other elements to promote at CCC: Sepak Takraw story should be written up and promoted as SCNA accomplishment. Possibly have two SE athletes to promote this plan. Herobotics has been diverse youth organization. Lets tell the story! SCNA didn't have a lot to show last year. What are we tabling for?

*NCR led event has pushed neighborhoods in corner so work to table to be seen. Motion that SCNA table at CCC NTE \$1,000 from CPP with stipend for Herobotics of \$500 to help with CCC publicizing SCNA by Mr. Strand, Ms. Thayer, Ms. Voight, Mr. Voight abstain, m-c.

*Want to also promote Tour de Camden. Larry has bike from Viet Nam he can bring to promote the Tour de Camden.

*Need ongoing powerpoint of SCNA for events of what SCNA does. Mr. Voight volunteers to help throw things together. SCNA Welcomes You! Be a Voice in the community! What SCNA does! Putting the historical brochure into a slideshow. April Annual meeting would be a good timeframe for the powerpoint. Need to invite people to be board members, committee members. Idea for a postcard with "New Year New Resolution to be a Community Member!"

*Invite Herobotics to Annual Meeting to give demo also and help in future.

*TeenTeam works received larger budget this year so will be doing larger application push so could possibly have SC youth helping with SCNA needs.

*Promote Pickleball Court at Community Connections Conference possibly? Create Community Committee to meet next Wednesday to figure out the details. Possible pull up banner for this event SC Welcomes You or with the flyer. Discussion about possible incorporating elements in to SCNA logo? Possible incorporate the sports. Leaving logo alone and incorporating other elements. Staff check on different sizes of pull up banners, prices for Wed and look to have by April meeting?

4. Board Retreat Review:

a. Focused Conversation reflection about current status of SCNA and it's work after NCR Ngh2020/CURA Meetings

i. What were the positive outcomes from city meetings:

*3 women speakers: Each one inspirational.

*Residents did speak up and out and questioning methodology and data that as not accurate or reflective of truth.

*Sophistry: Use of fallacious arguments especially with the intention of deceiving. Because they were trying to skew the data and people were calling them on their BS.

*Hard to hear all of what the panelists were saying due to my handicap.

*Like that we're starting to change the system because the system doesn't work for everybody. I don't care for their presentation really, but it's a start.

ii. How might SCNA want to look at it's work, define things, or work on racial equity after attending these meetings? What is changing for SCNA? Is there something we want to focus on?

*We need to start having hard conversations. Have heard some uncomfortable things. We're all a race. It defines all of us in some way.

*Human race. Picture all races equal and aren't striving to be the other. Have to realize my normal isn't the same normal for other people.

*There is history of people in this country persecuting different races, Polish, Jewish, Japanese, Native American, etc and things changed when people of privilege speak out to change it by being advocate and allies.

*People of color are tired of speaking out and speaking up and not being heard and it's up to white people of privilege to speak up and say this isn't cool anymore.

*Board shared various trainings they've attended at school and work about unconscious bias describe as eye opening.

*Reparations at a Federal or State level may be supported somewhere someday. But what residents heard from this CURA project sounds like some sort of reparations model for racial injustice and racial equity disparity running through a very small program.

A program that has existed as the only single, place-based, neighborhood focused program in the city. It's unique in the state, nationally, internationally recognized, and is proposing to just throw it out. The single geographic placed-based neighborhood program in the city that allows neighborhood residents to create priorities from the ground up.

The Neighborhood Org program isn't perfect, needs to be more inclusive, needs change, but CURA seems to be trying to insert a reparations model to try and undo the housing redlining, etc. Reparations are a huge undertaking and I would say let's let the City and Federal government decide first, but let's not toss out the neighborhoods program. Board member suggests a possible equity reparations committee under the Equity commission.

*It's kind of absurd to even have the City try and set up a reparations program before the Federal government.

*What seems more doable to focus on may be some of the systemic barriers like redlining and making sure and making sure that it's fair for all.

*It is the system that has made us.

*Difficult community conversations on race, unconscious bias workshop, UofM come in and talk about race. People have to go in with open mind. It took away some of the fog about the conversation. Find someone to teach on implicit bias specifically on race. Get Woke abit. Schools have equity committees for parents. Get Woke 2.0.

iii. Top Priorities from Retreat Reviewed

*Humboldt Industrial Awareness: Need to invite them to board meetings, sharing information bothways and to get their financial help.

*Humboldt Greenway history reviewed.

*Combining some of the neighborhood associations that aren't so active or partnering more with them.

*How can we be a leader/different, who can we partner with, who can we tap for financial partners.

*Have to be more active in finding some outside funding.

*Would look at the Retreat Priorities differently in away today

*Important to connect these businesses as part of the SCNA efforts

*STEAM/STEM related outreach to these businesses related to STEM for outreach/coding assistance.

*CURA's 3 points 50% to BIPOC populations, antidisplacement efforts, housing cost stressed residents...Resident questioned at CURA meeting the third point because it hasn't been thought through. The new formula including the three elements above, but housing cost-stressed residents: Let's say someone made \$150k/annual income, had a \$5k/month condo downtown, Could be a millionaire buying a 10M condo and be "housing cost-stressed resident under the current proposed ill thought out formula. So without income limits, it makes absolutely no sense! It would knock SCNA down and others trying to do this good work.

*So if the Framework goes ahead as is, there was some pushback today from CM Goodman, because Council approved the 25k base per neighborhood orgs, asking NCR what they were doing now pushing this change that will keep neighborhood orgs from having racial equity goals met because that distorts all the financial allocations. Also remember that in this Framework too that 25% of funding has to go to Community Based Organizations. SCNA has list of CBO's that they already partner with or could partner with that are BIPOC and could help with SCNA's mission and work.

iv. Top 5 things for SCNA 2020? Given all that we've talked about tonight and reviewing the SCNA Board retreat priorities what might be the top five that are bubbling to the top?

*Board retreat priorities has 4 with 2 or more dots do we start there:
Funding, Humboldt Industrial Connection, NNO, Bike Summit/Tour

*Several neighborhoods contracting their funds out of prudence

*More time needed to review options: Some discussion about possibly doing housing/retail to replace some of lost retail from Humboldt Greenway development with Community Benefits Agreements. Discussion about possible lots available in SC.

*Look to see what on list you want to put your name next too or if you're tired of doing, say that too.

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 8:18pm by Ms. Thayer, Ms. West, m-c.

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