Monthly Board Meeting, 6PM, July 13, 2021

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Done virtually via Zoom

**Called to order**: 6:03pm

**Presided by**: Allan Campbell, Chair

**Note taker**: Michelle Sass

**In attendance**: Allan Campbell, Richard Logan, Dave Stougaard, Tim Knight, John Bordwell, Joey Meiers, and Bob Gordon

**Absent:** Lynette Davis, Martha Yunker

**Announcements and Welcome from the Chair**

* Paul Legler has moved out of the neighborhood and has resigned from the board
* 9 members on the board now

**Approval of June Minutes,** motion by Bob second by Richard, **approved**

**Treasurer's Report**

* Introduction by Christie Hantge, new bookkeeper candidate– 25 years of experience
* David: Treasurer’s report- June busier month than normal for expenditures
  + Spent $1800 to pay newsletter; $5k donation went to Bridge For Youth, $5k to the Bakken for bike rack
  + $17k coming to Bakken for panels/display around the wetlands
  + Donated $55k of funds to others in need this year, noteworthy

**Coordinator’s Report**

* Ran an Instagram promotion 7 days leading up to the movie night in the park, $35 spend
  + Went from 168 to 240 followers

**Speaker: Councilmember Linea Palmisano**

* American Rescue Plan Act dollars to the City, phase 1 money, overall process ended formal funding
* Uptown having some intense times, working with 5th Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell and area business, MGM had a scare and needed police response. Josie from office to chase down concerns regarding LRT construction and noise/banging in Lakes CitiHomes neighborhood
  + Driving for piling for LRT is similar to noise for new apartment building at West Lake Quarter.
* Steve Gallagher at NCR office says many organizations around Bde Maka Ska changing the name – however, city maps, planning district, census and Minnesota Compass site utilize more general designation for neighborhood called Calhoun-Isles Community – new plan with NCR staff to engage us and cultural stakeholders to rename the designation - Informational meeting to come in a few weeks
  + Idea: Bde Maka Ska-Isles Community, or use the original name of Lake of the Isles
* Per Richard – Abbott and Chowen curb is closed due to construction– bikers continue to use the pavement instead of marked trail, bushes at a sharp turn – Richard urging bushes be cut down – construction people to handle it
* Linea working with Katie Blackwell – 7 Points building ownership says people cannot trespass on their property, but community garden area for healing space has been set up on private property.
* Budget for police force- Mayor proposal
  + Annual budget coming out in August
  + Reform is going to cost money
  + More police coming to Uptown
* Needing more law enforcement – question by resident (Anne): are we taking police from other places – friends in suburbs losing their public service officers
  + Pop up chaos, de-escalation looks like people are not doing anything – people online are saying police ran around and left – that’s what de-escalation looks like
  + Strategy had some benefit after that
  + Call in more resources, from other parts of the city (less in those areas), assistance with state patrol
  + Examples with rocks being thrown, head butted an officer – can’t go until have enough to handle situation

**Discussion of Outreach Priorities**

* 1. **Safety Walk** 
  + **Date: September 15 at 5pm**
  + Need to send out invitations to elected officials, light rail staff, etc.
* 2. First Responders Day
  + Goals include thanking First Responders for their service
  + Potential to collaborate with CIDNA
  + Idea to have coupons from businesses in both neighborhoods and email sign-up sheets at event
* 3. Events with the Bakken
  + Tim is working on a co-hosted event, cannot happen at the Bakken for October due to schedule conflict
  + Idea for a joint open streets event with the Bakken and Linden Hills on 36th Street.
* 4. Candidate Forum
  + Decision to invite the 3 Park Board election candidates for our district
  + Option to present at our October annual meeting
* 5. Happy Hours
  + Plan to go to Wakame
  + Market with flyers, web site, FB and IG announcing the event and offering coupons for a free appetizer in return for an email address.
  + How soon, potential for August – delayed last year due to pandemic

**Equitable Engagement**

* Draft plan due by September 1st if we are to receive funding for equitable engagement in 2022
* Some of the outreach priority strategies could be part of the plan.
* Tim and Joey are taking the lead in drafting the plan

**New Logo**

* Presentation by Eva of the 4-design logos
  + Please provide feedback by Thursday or Friday on options
  + Current feedback is the colors are bland

**Committee Reports**

* Communications
  + Plan to use funds from second postcard for survey about proposal for a neighborhood park north of railroad tracks
* Greenspace – No update
* Land Use
  + Update on BP site Apartment Proposal. 9-story, 110’, 74-unit apartment building with 104 parking stalls and a small restaurant/café was approved by the Planning Commission on July 26th.
* Safety
  + Light rail construction safety concerns
  + Market Plaza is jammed with traffic, preventing quick response by fire trucks and ambulances.
  + Safety Walk September 15

**New Business/Public Comments**

* Potential to host events at Lakeside Center (formerly Calhoun Executive Center) after owner Stu Ackenberg ok’d - discussed option for police/first responder event, no police are stationed here, focus on our own
  + Potential to involve CIDNA – get a bigger turnout
  + Suggestion by Bob – next spring for more time to prepare
  + Potential to have online coupon book to collect email addresses
  + Idea for a Back-to-School Drive – backpack for kids, etc. how to get involved in the community, or Fill the Bus Food Drive
  + Have a fire truck parked, have officials there to express thank you
  + Work with Cassidy Anderson at Fire to incorporate CPR and water rescue
  + Working committee to meet in August – Bob and Richard
* Event Sponsorship: Strong Towns
  + Cannot have it in October at the Bakken (13 or 14) due to other conflicting events
  + Idea to host at a nearby nursing home
* Candidate Forum – potential at annual meeting in October to invite 3 candidates for park board commissioner from our district; Linea, city council rep for Ward 13 in S Minneapolis
  + Board agrees to have them come vs have a forum for a separate meeting outside of regular meeting
  + Plan for Allan, John, and Bob to help invite the candidates and pick a day- committee to work on this and present it at the September meeting
* Proposal to take a moment at the end of each meeting to acknowledge how we can recognize the land we are on, and the contributions of all parties
  + Truth & Reconciliation – look at different options. Idea by Richard – one big thing to be an open sounding board for all other neighborhoods that are more diverse and integrated in the community
  + MADDADS nonprofit- how can we come along side people, supporting them versus leading any conversation in that space?
    - Being a bridge, a middle man, and not leading it
    - Specific initiatives to come, work group to be discussed at next meeting

7:45 - Adjourn, motion by Bob second by John, **approved**

Submitted by Michelle Sass, coordinator

**Next Council Meeting** • **NO MEETING AUGUST** •Monthly Meeting September 14 • 6:00pm • Method TBD