



**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Date 1/19/2022
Time 7:00pm**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85340564334?pwd=WlJDemlEcDdEaU1DK3UrUnpFOVRMUT09>

1. January North Loop Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Diane Merrifield
2. 9 of 11 Board Members were in attendance: Diane Merrifield, Jo Hamburge, Dana Swindler, Dima Rozenblat, Jackson Schwartz, Mollie Scozzari, Pedro Wolcott, Sarah Traczyk, Scott Woller
 - a. Absent: David Crary, Bri Sharkey-Smith
 - b. Neighbors In Attendance: Councilmember Michael Rainville, Friend, Cristy Blake, Supporter of Inti, Amy Smith
3. **Motion made by Dana, seconded by Jo, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the January meeting agenda**
4. **Motion made by Diane, seconded by Scott, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the November meeting minutes**
5. Neighborhood Engagement (Diane Merrifield)
 - a. Update from Councilmember Rainville on the Encampment in North Loop
 - i. There is enough space in shelters for all the members in the encampment. There was an attempt to move all of them into housing this week. This, however, did not occur because City Council members announced the closing date and activists showed up
 - ii. The county continues to help assisting people to voluntarily get housing
 1. Chemically dependent folks are resisting
 2. Official policy of the city is that we can't allow people to sleep outside

- iii. The Board, Neighbors, and Friends brought up questions and concerns they had about the encampment
 - 1. Is there enough space for everyone to go if we are going to displace the community? Where does the sense of community go when we break up an encampment? There are obviously problems with the encampment, but what options are there for the encampment to move as a community? Are voices from in the encampment being used in the discussion of relocating them?
 - 2. There are youth at the encampment that cannot necessarily join existing shelters. YouthLink, a North Loop facility for youth experiencing homelessness, and to which NLNA contributed to funding, is involved.
 - 3. Board members and concerned Neighbors have been actively working with the mayor, councilmembers, and community members to help solve this community issue. Some voiced desire for NLNA to be more involved.
 - b. Grant Proposal on Neighborhood Safety- Councilmember Rainville asked Aileen Johnson to fill out the Grant and submit it on NLNA's behalf
 - i. The city has heard the residents- the city wants public safety that does not include police. This is a grant of \$6,000, \$3,000 to organize and train community members, another \$3,000 for equipment
 - ii. Councilmember Rainville thinks NLNA could be a model of how to increase public safety
 - iii. Would NLNA be funding crime-prevention? What liabilities come with this
 - iv. Does NLNA need to be more separated from Neighborhood Safety efforts or should Neighborhood Safety initiatives become a more official part of the NLNA
- 6. Finance Report (Dima Rozenblat)
 - a. The City is now requiring a financial report at the Annual Meeting
- 7. Secretary Report (Jo Hamburge)
 - a. Shared Drive- all board members & friends have access to this
 - i. Is there any reason that only board would need access to some files?
 - ii. Jo will take files from Scott and scan and file them
 - b. Should there be a North Loop Board email distribution list?
 - i. After the election the board will determine responsibilities and will define greater structure and role definition for the year ahead (and future)
 - c. Pedro, Bri, Jackson leaving the board
 - d. City needs to approve applications for funding which we won't receive until a variety of documents are approved by the board and submitted for City approval
- 8. Community Engagement (Scott Woller)
 - a. Annual Meeting

- i. Able to volunteer at community events- found volunteers for registration help and donation table
- ii. Dima will take responsibility for figuring out an Online Donation tool that can be used at the board meeting
- iii. Need 3-4 people able to work the Q & A the entire meeting
- iv. Swag Bags
 - 1. 350 bags, 200 to give away for people who come to the meeting in person
 - 2. Reach out to neighborhood businesses and see if they have things, they want to put into the swag bags
 - 3. Neighborhood MVP's should be notified they are being recognized
- b. After the board meeting, new volunteers should be contacted immediately about their first volunteer opportunity

9. P + Z (Mollie Scozzari)

- a. All Committee members interested in continuing except for Joe McErlane, who has not yet confirmed
- b. Formalized the letter of support for Duffey signage. Mollie makes a motion to approve the letter of support for Duffey. Jo Seconds the motion and the vote passes unanimously.**
- c. Rooftop addition to the Maytag building- P + Z approved a letter of support. Mollie makes a motion to approve the letter of support for the Rooftop addition. Jo Seconds the motion and the vote passes unanimously**
- d. Blue Line extension- two options Broadway vs 94 corridor
 - i. NLNA is not taking a formal stance between the routes but instead sending general support for Blue Line extension
 - ii. NLNA wants to consider the impact on the neighborhood buildings, residents, and businesses
 - iii. Mollie makes a motion to outline suggestions for the Blue Line, Jo seconds the motion, and the vote passes unanimously**
- e. Metal Trash Can receptacles have been delivered; 17 new receptacles have been placed since October

10. Safety and Livability (Pedro Wolcott)

- a. No new business

11. Communications (Sarah Traczyk)

- a. Monthly Newsletter- Sarah driving this effort, Scott helped with January Newsletter
- b. 2021 highlights added to the website, also Parks+Placemaking added to the site

12. Dog Park (Pedro Wolcott)

- a. Pebbles have been replaced by more pet-friendly stones
- b. Over \$6,200 in bank account for remaining amenities

- c. Things won't start happening until March/April when the weather is nicer
13. Root District, NuLoop (Jackson Schwartz)
- a. Urban Land Institute (ULI) Grant- \$20,000 received, City is matching it
 - b. These funds are to do research on building a more sustainable environment as the Roots District is developed in the coming years.
 - c. New Website for NuLoop- inventory of all work that's been done
14. Approval of Board Policies
- a. **Diane makes a motion to approve policies based on the City of Minneapolis's template documents. Jo seconds the motion; the vote passes unanimously.**

The Committee adjourned by Diane Merrifield at 9:07 pm