



North Loop Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Date: February 23, 2022
Time: 7:00 pm
[Zoom Link](#)

In attendance: Scott Woller, David Kisan, Sarah Traczyk, Jo Hamburge, Sina Pleggenkuhle, Diane Merrifield, David Crary,

Non-board attendees: Jo Vos (Planning + Zoning), Councilmember Michael Rainville, Henry Jarvenin (Ward 3), Stasi Leahu (Graze North Loop)

Absent members: Ericka Jones, Dima Rozenblat, Mollie Scozzari, Dana Swindler

1. Meeting called to order by Diane at 7:00 pm
2. **Woller motions to pass the agenda, Crary seconds the motion which passes unanimously**
3. Neighborhood Engagement (Hamburge)
 - a. Suggested changes for public forum and neighborhood engagement
 - i. Introducing NLNA to neighbors, explain rules placed forward by NLNA
 - ii. Scott proposes to read the rules that Hamburge has written up when there are heavy topics on the agenda that bring in more neighbors
 - b. A neighbor, Patrick Davidson, emailed Woller to remind the community of the 30 Days of Biking Challenge starting April 1st at Graze
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Vos ask if there are any new nominations for officers, none
 - b. 1-year term that starts now
 - c. **Woller makes a motion for re-election of NLNA President, VP, and Treasurer. Kisan seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously**

5. Secretary Report (Hamburge)

a. Bylaws

- i. Board members received a copy of the proposed new 2022 By-Laws
- ii. Merrifield and Hamburge have been updating these over the last few months, used City of Minneapolis's template for by-laws
- iii. Hamburge opens this up for questions
 - 1. Time limit for board-members?
 - a. Template rule: Board members have staggered 2-year terms, only can do 6 years continuously
 - b. NLNA Rules- no more than 25% of the board can have terms over 6-years
 - c. These same rules do not apply to committees
 - 2. Mid-year board of director resignation
 - a. Majority board vote required to place new board members in this situation
- iv. **Hamburge asks for a motion to approve the updated bylaws- Woller makes a motion to approve, Traczyk seconds the motion, the committee passes the vote unanimously**
- b. Hamburge gives a brief update on the North Loop Google Drive

6. NLNA Committees

a. Community Engagement (Woller)

- i. Confirming accuracy of NLNA calendar of events for the year
- ii. Event Suggestions:
 - 1. Sunday Service kickoff event
 - 2. Spring Cleaning events
 - 3. Fall themed event
- iii. Candy Grab coming up (April 16th, Target Station)
 - 1. **Woller Makes a motion to invest \$500, Hamburge seconds the motion, motion passes**
- iv. Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup (Saturday April 23rd)
 - 1. About 200 hours cleaning up trash that day
 - 2. Need multiple places where community members can pick up trash bags and gloves
 - a. Traczyk wants to work with local businesses to be pick up locations
 - b. Woller recommends having drop off locations as well
 - c. Suggestion for a happy hour
 - d. **Woller makes a motion for \$100 for this event, Merrifield seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously**
- v. Way finding signs brainstorm- Sponsored by neighborhood at major intersections and high traffic areas
- vi. Volunteer list sent around, high community engagement

1. Merrifield sent email around with list of all volunteers broken down by areas they are interested in
 2. Mailchimp can reach out to them by generating mass-emails
 3. Hamburge will sum up volunteer list areas of interest and make sure they are being covered by different board members
- vii. Annual meeting recap
- b. Update from Councilmember Michael Rainville
- i. Encampments
 1. The county has almost finished training 24 additional social workers to stay present in encampments around the city
 2. County has committed \$4 million/year for these staff
 3. Have access to \$650,000 to help people in the encampments
 4. People at the state are planning to put more money towards shelters under the Avivo model
 5. North Loop encampment social workers offering to take folks to more permanent housing
 6. The closing was delayed due to the tragic murder of Amir Locke
 - ii. Rainville is going to start hosting Neighborhood Hours on Fridays to get to know and hear more from neighbors.
 - iii. Public Safety effort continues
 1. Neighborhood Blocks have been successful, city is supportive
 2. Recruitment for new officers has been very low
 3. Neighborhood block patrols can also pick up trash
- c. Planning + Zoning Committee (Jo Vos, P+Z Co-chair)
- i. Vos is filling in for Scozzari
 - ii. Duffey Lofts is nearing completion, they gave a presentation of their updates and are looking to host an open house at some point
 - iii. Patrick Crowe is developing mixed-use project on North 2nd Street connecting to Cedar Lake Trail
 1. They are building 7-floors of apartments, parking, and some commercial space
 2. Planning + Zoning drafted a letter of approval for the board to approve
 - a. Addendum to the letter- Crowe must contact surrounding buildings including Rock Island
 - b. Scott makes motion to send the letter of approval with the amendment, Merrifield seconds and the motion passes unanimously**
- d. Safety & Livability
- i. Merrifield, Pedro Wolcott, and Crary have had 2 meetings with Irene Fernando who is the county commissioner for the North Loop and Washington Avenue regarding the safety of Washington Avenue
 - ii. Fernando has given good advice, asked NLNA to send a letter signed with business and community members names to prove this is an issue

- iii. Sent the letter, asked for a short term and long-term solution to the traffic safety, waiting for a 3rd meeting
 - iv. Rainville will bring up the traffic issue with Fernando in their next meeting as well
 - v. Traffic cones that were put out by NLNA in prior years get destroyed by garbage trucks. There is one year of use remaining from materials NLNA purchased. Woller will refurbish and place in high-risk locations
- e. Communications (Traczyk)
 - i. Newsletter
 - 1. Sending an email about cleaning up after dogs
 - a. Pleggenkuhle is willing to take over “ownership” Dog Park
 - b. What do people want from the dog park in 2022? Send out a survey in the newsletter?
 - 2. Friends of the Mississippi River meeting
 - 3. 2022 Calendar
 - 4. Kisan is interested in helping with newsletter
 - ii. Map Brochure Project
 - 1. In the past, NLNA has collaborated with Warehouse District Program in the past
 - 2. Joanne from Warehouse District reached out to see if North Loop wants to put businesses, restaurants, and retailers on the map
 - 3. Warehouse District Program has asked for \$1,000 to help produce 15,000 physical copies
 - a. Could NLNA just do their own for cheaper?
 - b. Where are they distributed? Will North Loop get enough physical copies this year?
 - c. Can we ask them to include the entire North Loop?
 - d. **Woller makes a motion to give the Warehouse District \$1,000 with the stipulation that the entire North Loop and Roots District will be included and that NLNA will get full breakdown of how distribution will go. Pleggenkuhle seconds the motion and the motion passes**
- f. Root District (Pleggenkuhle)
 - i. Light Rail coming through the district, meeting with farmers about how this will affect the farmers’ market. Working with neighboring businesses to discuss construction plan to make sure the timing works for this area

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:55pm