



**North Loop Neighborhood Association
March Board Meeting
Date: 3/30/2022
Time 7:00pm
Zoom Link**

1. 11 of 11 Board Members in attendance: Diane Merrifield, David Crary, Dima Rozenblat, Jo Hamburge, Ericka Jones, David Kisan, Sina Pleggenkuhle, Mollie Scozzari, Sarah Traczyk, Scott Woller, David Swindler, Pat Dawson
 - a. Guests in attendance: Michael Rainville & Henry Jarvenin, Adrian Wilson, Fred Dawe, Philip Polyondy, Mike Byers, Weldon Makori, Stasi Leahy
2. Meeting is called to order by Merrifield at 7:05 pm
3. **Merrifield calls for a motion to pass the March agenda and the February meeting minutes**
 - a. **Hamburge makes a correction to change “Committee Adjourned” to “Board Adjourned”**
 - b. **Hamburge makes a motion to pass the amended meeting minutes and the March agenda, Rozenblat seconds the motion, both are unanimously approved**
4. Neighborhood Engagement
 - a. Avivo Donation Drive review
 - i. Donations came in- \$723 from Graze to NLNA
 - b. Arbor Day Celebration (Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board- Philip Polyondy)
 - i. Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day in the United States
 - ii. City of Minneapolis Parks & Recreation (MPLS P+R) is hosting an Arbor Day event in the North Loop on April 29th, 4:00 to 8:00 pm located on 5th to 6th street on 3rd avenue
 - iii. Planting trees, offering food trucks, live music, beer
 - iv. Promotional poster being drafted

- v. Park Police will not be working this event, Minneapolis Police may need to be hired for this event which will be more costly, around \$7,000
 - vi. MPLS P&R asks if NLNA is interested in helping host this event
 - 1. Merrifield suggests tapping NLNA Volunteer base and Polyondy agrees
 - 2. Need help with Beer Garden, tree planting, overseeing general event
 - vii. The Minneapolis Parks & Recreation should ensure neighbors are aware of this event
 - viii. Create a North Loop Neighborhood Association table at the event
 - ix. Hamburge makes a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Arbor Day Event, Crary Seconds the vote, it passes unanimously**
- c. Councilmember Michael Rainville Update
 - i. Washington Avenue- Rainville has a call into Public Works to discuss the corner of Washington and 8th avenue
 - 1. Stoplight would be too expensive in this spot
 - 2. A pedestrian cross walk button might be a viable solution
 - ii. Safety & Livability meeting at Monte Carlo
 - 1. Block Clubs being energized, in person at the end of April
 - 2. Doing walking clubs to keep the neighborhood safe
 - iii. David Fhima has all necessary financing to develop Ribnick Fur into a restaurant
 - 1. Restaurant upstairs, jazz downstairs
 - 2. Will have 46 parking spaces
 - 3. Fhima is presenting to Planning + Zoning in April
 - iv. LA Rockford is being redeveloped on 4th street for culturally specific housing for Native Americans, working with Avivo Village
 - v. Another Safety & Livability Grant available for public safety due April 12th that NLNA could apply to
 - vi. Rainville is working with the Minneapolis Ukrainian community to host a fundraiser in Northeast Minneapolis

5. Acceptance of Dana Swindler's board resignation

6. Board Member appointment- Pat Dawson

- a. Runner up in the last board election
- b. Background- interested in block groups, communication with encampment, lives in the neighborhood
- c. Merrifield makes a motion to approve Pat Dawson as the newest board member. Traczyk seconds the motion. All in favor, vote passes unanimously**

7. 2022 Board Rules

- a. Parks + Placemaking: Taking on Dog Park and Community Cleanup
- b. Kisan is attending the Parks + Placemaking meetings as a board member

- c. Engagement (Sarah Traczyk)- Community, Civic, and Business are being combined in a communications standpoint
 - i. Considering a subcommittee for Community and Business
- 8. Finance Committee (Rozenblat)
 - a. January & February Financials completed and sent to board members
 - b. Big Portion of funds are gatekept by the city, reviewed eligible expense review
 - c. Planning to have the City of Minneapolis come in and explain funding restrictions to the board at a future meeting
- 9. Secretary Report (Hamburge)
 - a. Short Update- to-dos with volunteers sent out after last meeting
 - b. Merrifield and Hamburge are working on organizing documentation still
- 10. Policy Approval- Equal Opportunity Employment & Affirmative Action (Merrifield)
 - a. Follows a legal template provided by the City of Minneapolis
 - b. **Hamburge makes a motion to approve the motion, David Crary approves, vote passes unanimously**
- 11. Committee Reports
 - a. Engagement- Community, Business, Civic (Traczyk, Woller)
 - i. Scott emailed posters to be distributed for upcoming events
 - ii. Candy Grab
 - 1. Volunteers needed for April 9th
 - 2. Many Eggs and Candy along with a Bunny
 - 3. Soliciting donations from Businesses for adult prize bags
 - 4. \$200 or stash of candy donated to event if organizations would like to take part in the event
 - iii. Earth Day
 - 1. Huge supply of bags and gloves that can be distributed to businesses
 - 2. Neighborhood is dirty, needs a good cleaning
 - iv. Food Truck Fair
 - 1. \$200 deposit for food trucks that want to be involved, refunded unless they do not show up
 - 2. \$8-10k income event for NLNA- can sell water and drinks to make funds
 - v. Service Saturday starting on April 9th
 - b. Planning + Zoning Committee (Scozzari)
 - i. International Market Square (IMS)
 - 1. Installing 4 new signs for tenants
 - a. **NLNA P + Z committee approved a letter of support**
 - b. **Crary makes a motion to approve the letter of support, Woller seconds the motion, vote passes unanimously**

2. Board Member at 400 Riverwalk mentioned new sign may come up soon, will bring it to committee for support
3. The Copenhagen building- Alleyway update
 - a. Nick Patterson from Greco Development attended the March Planning + Zoning Committee meeting to present an update on development plans for the vacant alley behind The Copham Building
 - b. Currently a public access route but this company wants to privatize it
 - c. Drafting a letter of concerns for Historic Preservation Committee
4. Subcommittee for affordable housing program that the city started has been formed
- c. Safety + Livability (Swindler, Jones, Crary)
 - i. Block Clubs (Jones)
 1. No Update
 - ii. Washington Avenue (Crary)
 1. Crary Working with Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association to sponsor a public safety meeting
 - iii. Shooting in the neighborhood, crime, petty theft
 - iv. Email from Hamburge regarding how NLNA would handle encampments in the future, it still needs to be acknowledged even though the recent encampment was evicted. The board needs more time to review this document before passing anything
- d. Communications (Woller, Traczyk, Merrifield)
 - i. Woller and Traczyk are posting on social media, committee and board members should send text or email if they'd like anything reposted on the NLNA social channels
- e. Parks + Placemaking (Crary)
 - i. No updates
- f. Dog Park (Rozenblat, Merrifield)
 - i. No updates
- g. NuLoop Partners (Traczyk)
 - i. No updates
- h. Root District (Pleggenkuhle, Kisan)
 - i. Fashion Show happening in the roots district April
 1. Giant paper basket being created as décor, this bandshell piece will remain at the farmers market after the event
 2. Aiming to connect the Roots District and North Loop with this event

The Board adjourned at 9:18pm