



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
June Board Meeting
Date: 6/28/2023
Time 6:00pm
TractorWorks Meeting Room (800 N Washington Ave)
[Zoom](#) Link**

9 Board Members in attendance: Diane Merrifield, David Crary, Cristy Blake, Shayla Frechette, Sarah Traczyk, Pat Dawson, Ericka Jones, Margie Lancaster, Blake Peterson (absent: Scott Woller; David Kisan resigned June 22)

Guests in attendance: Marty Collins, owner of Nolo's and Basement Bar. Maureen McDowall, North by North Loop Music Festival, CM Michael Rainville

1. Meeting is called to order by Merrifield at 6:05 pm
2. **Merrifield calls for a motion to approve the June Agenda - Dawson makes a motion, Blake seconds the motion, the board passes the vote unanimously.**
3. **Merrifield calls for a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Dawson makes a motion, Woller seconds the motion, the motion passes unanimously.**
3. Re new funding model, Dawson recommended that the Board conduct a strategy session in the Fall to develop a comprehensive plan and volunteered to lead it.
4. Neighborhood Engagement (North Loop Neighbors and Guests)
 - a. Neighbors/Guests
 - i. Marty Collins, owner of Nolo's and Basement Bar spoke to concerns over noise levels at events as the recent event drew numerous neighborhood complaints.
 1. Collins explained that DJ was unfamiliar with volume requirements and expressed willingness to work with NLNA to address concerns, suggesting NLNA help in measuring sound levels.
 2. CM Rainville adds that there is an official decimal level they would have to keep under.
 3. NOLO pledged to donate 500 hot dogs for NNO.

- ii. Maureen McDowall, with North by North Loop Music Festival
 - 1. Maureen informed the board of the Sept 14 date of this event.
 - 2. The goal is to have bands that have cross-generational appeal, and the location will be in a mostly commercial area.

5. Finance Report (Lancaster)

- a. Balance Sheet & Income Statement
- b. Christie Rock Hantge, is being brought in as bookkeeping support (Christie is also ED for DMNA, Admin Coordinator for NuLoop Partners and Executive Coordinator for East Town Business Partnership).
- c. 2023/24 Budget Update

6. Board Reports

- a. Business Engagement Strategies – Blake
 - i. Gave a brief summary of our efforts for guests in attendance.
 - ii. Board members reminded to provide feedback on the Business Engagement deck I sent out...Blake working on finalizing.
 - iii. Board reminded to sign up for 10 businesses on the Google Doc.
- b. Funding Strategies Update – Dawson/Kisan – no update
- c. Database Update - Dawson
 - i. Dawson says the next step is getting recommendations for who to work with to build the database.
- d. Neighborhood Engagement (Community, Civic, Business)
 - i. North Loop Kids (Frechette)
 - 1. On Saturday July 8th, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, NL Kids will be doing their first partnership event with Pacifier.
 - 2. They intend to get together from 10:00am to 12:00pm the first Saturday of every month. Events being planned and board suggestions welcome.
 - ii. Food Truck Fair (Woller)
 - 1. July 16 is the date of the year's biggest event. More volunteers needed.
 - iii. zAmya/Avivo City of Minneapolis Partnership – Crary/Dawson/Jones
 - 1. Crary is working with roughly 5-8 residents a week to pick up neighborhood trash.
- e. Communications (Merrifield)
 - i. July Newsletter - Binkley
 - 1. NLNA volunteer Mike Binkley has taken on responsibility for the newsletter.
 - ii. Website - Merrifield
 - 1. Merrifield added a donation section to the website and updated donation content.
 - iii. Strategy/2023 Plan – no update

- f. Planning + Zoning Committee (Peterson)
 - i. Committee Update (presentations/letters of support/board approvals)
 - 1. P+Z members officially voted to select **Jeffrey Sondag** as the official candidate for committee membership, and has asked the board to approve his membership.
 - 2. Jeffrey Sondag has been P+Z committee-member-in-waiting since February. He's also been a regular attendee at all meetings.
 - 3. **Peterson makes a motion to accept Jeffrey Sondag as the new member. Merrifield seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**
 - g. Safety+Livability - (Jones, Dawson, Crary)
 - i. Washington Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project Update - Crary
 - 1. CM Rainville spent time visiting the problem areas of Washington, 4th and 5th, and will continue to work with S+L and Public Works to make sure progress is being made.
 - h. Parks + Placemaking (Crary, Kisan, Blake)
 - i. Service Saturdays
 - 1. Between 25-30 people attended the last Service Saturday.
 - 2. P+P is intending to have a table at the Food Truck Fair about Organics
 - ii. Trees (Blake)
 - 1. Binkley is doing a social campaign about tree watering.
 - 2. Blake has reached out to the people who expressed interest in watering the trees.
 - 3. Mulch was delivered yesterday 6/27 and today 6/28.
 - iii. Art (Kisan) – No update
7. Old Business
- a. Board Secretary- Still need to fill this position.
8. **The Board adjourns at 7:37 pm**