

**Harrison Neighborhood Association**  
**December, 12th 2022**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
(Held at Utepils private room)

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by President Monica Arons

Attendance taken by Secretary Dustin Ruff

**Board of Directors:**

**President:** Monica Arons

**President Elect:** Tim Davis

**Treasurer/Area 1:** Don Ostenson

**Secretary/Area 5:** Dustin Ruff

**Area 1:** ~~Open Seat~~

**Area 2:** Melanie Gatewood, ~~Richard Panzironi~~

**Area 3:** ~~Mars Muehleis, Open Seat~~

**Area 4:** Chomkham Soudaly, ~~Open Seat~~

**Area 5:** ~~Open Seat~~

**Area 6:** Gigi Finseth, ~~Erik Cedarleaf Dahl~~

**At-Large:** ~~Aaron Goldstein, Dan Justesen~~

**Staff:** Nichole Beuhler, ~~Mitchel Hansen~~

**Resident Members:** McKenzie Erickson, Laura Dickinson, Eric Elgin (aprx 7:45)

**Guests:** Attorney Jennifer Urban Legal 4 Good

**Review/Approve Agenda**

1. Motion by Dan J.
2. Seconded by Gigi
3. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

**Review/Approve November Minutes**

1. Discussion: Monica suggested editing Audit Cmte note: "Resident Kelly Everheart volunteered to be on committee, but due to the nature of these topics and internal discussions the meetings will be closed session and she will not be allowed on committee. Erik Cedarleaf Dahl asked to join the committee the following day and was appointed as such." This was adjusted accordingly since it occurred a few days after the meeting itself.
2. Laura Dickinson questioned whether Board members can vote if they show up late referring to Erik at November's meeting. Future minutes will include detail on late arrivals and early leaving. We will ask Legal 4 Good's advice on this question.
  - a. Motion by Don O. to approve amended November minutes
  - b. Seconded by Dustin
  - c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

**Treasurer's Report**

1. Don reports everything is solvent and good. He and Nichole will get together to work on the annual budget report and try to have it ready for the Board to review at January's meeting.
  - a. Motion by Monica to approve financials and hold for audit
  - b. Seconded by Tim
  - c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

### **Audit Cmte Report**

1. Dustin reports that the Audit Cmte will be delaying the final suggestions for the Board until Legal For Good (LFG) has completed their work. Monica questioned whether LFG should be addressing the audit. Dustin clarified that the whistleblower issues and audit have overlapping issues and that the Audit Cmte would wait for her to finalize her reporting before completing the Audit Cmte report.
2. Jen Urban of LFG addressed the Board regarding her preliminary report and that it has attorney-client privilege and should not be shared outside of HNA. She explained her process, what things could possibly come from it and how to help her come to a proper conclusion in the meantime. She agreed to meet the Board at a special meeting to answer questions in further detail.
3. Monica suggested Dustin is overstepping as Chair of the Audit Cmte and Legal Cmte. Monica accused Dustin of mischaracterizing the information that was sent to the attorney. Dustin reiterated his role and that all the information that was sent was brought to the attention of the Board when hiring was approved.
4. The remaining items that are currently being suggested by the Audit Cmte will be addressed in whole once we have completed the report in its entirety. It was suggested that Nichole as ED delete Legal 4 Goods preliminary report email. It was also suggested that whoever shared this email to any other law firm or person outside of HNA return/delete it.
5. Gigi clarified that Dustin, Tim and Dan remain the points of contact for the attorney which was the agreed upon consensus of the Board.
6. Monica will inform the Board on the date of the special meeting.

### **Executive Director's Report**

1. Neighborhoods 2023 application was approved after they were made aware of a document they missed to view. It now needs a signature from the President for money to be applied.
2. Job description for community organizer was completed with Melanie.

### **Community Organizer New Hire Role/Description**

1. Melanie clarified some of the changes that were made in the job description and why they were done. The description was provided to members online and in-person. Most notably changing the title from Housing Organizer to Community Organizer.
  - a. Motion by Don O. to approve job description
  - b. Seconded by Dan J.
2. Tim suggested changing some of the descriptions regarding mitigating gentrification.

- a. Motion passes 6 Yays; 2 Nays by Tim and Don

**Exec. Dir. Report (cont'd)**

1. MURC (MN United for Rent Control) is having a renter's assembly and inviting folks to discuss the recommendations by the group. There is an online option available and will be shared on HNA's social media.

**Survey Cmte Report**

1. Monica reported the survey has been created. It was provided to Nichole to have it translated into 4 different languages before it is ready to be sent out. Hoping to have it ready around late January.

**Crime/Safety Cmte Report**

1. Tim reported that it will be having a meeting this coming Thursday and will share the link.

**Event Cmte Report**

1. Gigi reported tha Redeemer Center for Life is interested in partnering with HNA in the future. Mpls Church of Christ has an emergency food shelf that could always use food and diaper donations. Dan added that Utepils also has an ongoing food shelf that people can donate to.

8:30pm Motion to Adjourn by Tim. Unanimous Approval.