

**Harrison Neighborhood Association
February, 13th 2023
Board Meeting Minutes**

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: ~~Open Seat~~, 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, Ben Ptacek

Guests: None

Monica asked Tim to lead the meeting since she was out of town and was unsure if her wif would cause any communication issues.

Review/Approve Agenda

1. Motion by Dustin to approve agenda
2. Seconded by Dan
3. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Review/Approve January '23 Minutes

1. Motion by Don to approve minutes
2. Seconded by Dustin
3. 7 Yay - 0 nay. Dan abstained since he was absent in January. Motion passed.

== Mars arrived during minutes vote. ==

Treasurer's Report

1. Don relayed to the Board our current balance and that items reflected last months transactions.
 - a. Motion by Don to approve financials and hold for audit
 - b. Seconded by Dan
 - i. Discussion: Monica asked if Legal Aid had been billed yet. Nichole said the accountant will be billing them after he reviews how they were

- previously billed. Because of that it is not reflected in last month's report. Don will follow up with Robert regarding their billing.
- ii. Dan asked if the lawyer had been paid yet. Check was signed prior to the meeting and will be sent out to her the next day. At which time she can work on finalizing her report.
 - iii. Aaron asked if the quarterly HNA office rental space payments were required by lease or just for ease. Nichole responded that it was done that way for ease.
- c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Fundraising Options

1. Topic regarding the possibility of selling pull tabs. Don and Dan provided more detail and the logistics and legality of implementing that type of program (licensing, staffing, training, taxes, etc...). Some questions on the ethics of our organization being involved in a gambling fundraiser. Other questions on what financial gap we're trying to fill with this or any fundraising efforts. Nichole will look further into whether there are any issues with pull tab fundraising from our current funders.

Mpls Equitable Eng. Plan

1. Monica updated the Board of what they came up with after editing the plan. She emailed the Board a copy on Jan 24th asking for feedback. She provided an overview of the updated plan. Discussion regarding a new plan involving owning/renting a van and transporting residents. The legal, financial and insurance ramifications with that. Further discussion regarding having to adjust the annual budget to include this updated engagement plan.
2. Motion by Monica to accept the updated engagement plan
3. Seconded by Tim
 - a. Discussion: Dustin suggested changing the budget at this point due to added programs like the van is a bad idea. Maybe we could remove that portion to avoid further delaying this grant. Nichole had concerns that certain demographics were removed and/or not specifically included.
4. Monica motions to amend previous motion to also include a finance report committee to adjust budget accordingly.
 - a. Discussion on what items actually require changing the budget. Monica suggested another committee would need to figure out the costs associated with the updated engagement plan.
5. Amended motion not seconded
6. Original motion passes Unanimously
 - a. Further discussion: Dustin asked if it's now ready to sign and send in. Monica said the plan still needs to be completed. Monica suggested staff will finish the engagement plan in full before she can sign it as President. Nichole does not feel comfortable editing the engagement plan further without letting the Board see it in its entirety. Confusion amongst members on why there needs to be further work

done and delaying things further. Monica will work with Nichole and finalize the details of the engagement plan.

Strategic Plan

1. Current version of the survey was emailed to the Board for further suggestions. Monica relayed that someone from the city suggested hiring oral interpreters to translate the survey as opposed to written translations.
 - a. Motion by Tim to approve current survey to be sent
 - b. Seconded by Don
 - i. Motion amended to edit question #6 to choose all that apply, move 14 & 15 prior to #6. Attempt to combine #10-12. Knowing we still need to reference translations services and figure out the logistics of translating.
 - ii. Survey will be edited with suggestions and sent to the Board for further notes and testing.
 - iii. Dan reminded the Board we will need to somehow confirm responses are legit
 - iv. Discussion on timeframe to keep survey open. No deadline was decided upon.
 - c. Unanimous approval

Partnerships

1. Discussion regarding the ROC (Redevelopment Oversight Committee), Our Streets and how lobbying is defined to ensure HNA is not in violation. Gigi suggested further training on defining lobbying and other political or 501c scenarios. Aaron has concerns with HNA working with special interest political groups.
 - a. Motion by Aaron to stop partnerships with MURC (Minneapolis United for Rent Control) and Housing Justice League
 - b. Seconded by Tim
 - i. Nichole voiced her concerns with defining these groups as political interests but not ROC. She provided some history of HNA's involvement along with other organizations in MURC.
 - ii. Don agreed with Aaron and included Our Streets as politically charged organizations that split the neighborhood and Board.
 - iii. Dustin voiced concern that specifically removing HNA from any partnership simply because it's a divisive issue is not wise. Reminded the Board of how the neighborhood voted on this topic.
 - iv. Dan stated we need to keep our purpose as HNA in mind when making partnership decisions. And making decisions on any particular group should be decided individually as opposed to a broader group label given to them.
 - v. Ben provided some background history of our early involvement with the ROC and why we started to step away from them.
 - vi. Mars expressed a view that these partnerships are beneficial to the neighborhood and should be maintained.

- vii. Tim voiced concern with HNA making sure we are crafting our message correctly in any partnership.
- c. Roll call vote
 - i. Nays: Dustin, Dan, Gigi, Mars, Richard
 - ii. Yays: Tim, Don, Monica, Aaron
- d. Motion fails 4-5

== Aaron and Richard left meeting at this time ==

Contract Updates

1. Nichole updated the Board that the copier lease has another 37 months left to go. Computer lease is on month to month and we should be able to close out that contract. She is going to get further information on what it would cost to get out of the lease early.
2. We cannot find the original contract for snow removal. Nichole spoke with Legal Aid and they agreed to write a new contract to keep on file.
 - a. Motion by Don to make separate contracts for snow removal and another for gardening.
 - b. Seconded by Dustin
 - i. Dan asked what the cost of snow/garden maintenance is. Nichole said it's aprx \$3,000. Dan suggested that we make sure to improve in communication if there is any issue in the future.
 - c. Motion passes 6 Yays - 1 Nay by Tim

9:20pm Motion to Adjourn by Don. Unanimous Approval.