

**Harrison Neighborhood Association
January, 9th 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: ~~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, Ben Ptacek, RCFL Pastor Jen Colins

Guests:

Review/Approve Agenda

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

Review/Approve December Minutes

1. Motion by Tim to approve December and Special meeting minutes with changes to the use of the name Legal Cmte.
2. Seconded by Don
3. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

== Chomkham and Aaron arrived around this time. ==

May '22 election meeting minutes were never officially approved at that time.

1. Motion by Tim to approve May '22 minutes w/ a correction of Mars' last name
2. Seconded by Dustin
3. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

1. Don relayed to the Board what items our accountant is finalizing for end of year. Also mentioned he may need a 1099 for Awesome Organizing. Nichole will reach out to Robert the accountant to clarify if a 1099 is necessary since that was paid through the

Home Improvement grant program. She will also have our accountant start invoicing legal aid on a monthly basis. Currently the legal aid clinic is getting billed out for the entirety of the year.

- a. Motion by Tim to approve financials and hold for audit
- b. Seconded by Dustin
- c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Executive Director's Report

1. Updated the Board on MURC holding a renter's assembly meeting regarding the suggestions they'll be putting to the city.
2. Legal Aid Clinic will be interviewed with Al McFarlane on his podcast to promote the clinic.
3. Mitchel has continued to work on the Emerald Ash Borer tree issue. The AG is starting an investigation into this issue. There's still a few possibilities for additional funding.
4. Written ED report was provided to the Board.

Equitable Engagement Fund

1. Monica reminded the Board that the revised engagement plan application was not provided to the Board before it's initial approval in November. She noted some inaccuracies and/or outdated information that she would like the Board to comment on or edit prior to her signing off on it.
2. Aaron expressed concerns that some of the items listed are more closely related to political issues and suggests HNA steer clear of those types of issues.
3. Other members had various concerns around what's in the updated engagement plan and the current strategic plan that is in place. Discussion about what the timeline of signing this is or what the consequences of not signing it are. This funding source is what pays the Community Outreach Director.
 - a. Motion by Tim to hold off on signing the Engagement Plan until items have been resolved. Board members are to take a week to submit any edits to the Committee to have a report prepared for the February board meeting.
 - b. Seconded by Don
 - c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Committee will be Chaired by Monica, with the assistance of members Laura and Chomkham.

Annual Budget

1. Group reviewed the annual budget. Discussion about line item for copier leases. Nichole mentioned that she believes we are in a 2yr lease still. Board asked Nichole to look into the copier lease to see what it would take to get out of the lease and look into purchasing a copier.
2. Some clarification regarding the \$10k that was suggested to put into our line item for legal fees, which was discussed at an earlier special meeting. Knowing we may be using other legal services to assist in updating bylaws.
3. Also look into lease that was put toward computers that we are not currently using.

4. Discussion regarding more funding towards Events and Program Expenses
 - a. Motion by Monica to add \$10k for Micro Grants and add line item under the Events and Communications to \$10k for Events specifically.
 - b. Seconded by Tim
 - c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.
5. Tim asked Nichole to update the Board about what the current contract is with Marcus regarding shoveling around gardens.

Motion by Don to approve Annual Budget w/ suggested adjustments

Seconded by Tim

Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

HNA Partnerships

1. Discussion regarding contract with Marcus centered around clearing snow for the gardens that HNA holds the lease for. Don suggested we may need to add more funding to that contract. Tim suggested creating a pilot program for shoveling all of the sidewalks throughout Harrison neighborhood.
 - a. Motion by Don to update contract for plow and garden work
 - b. Seconded by Tim
 - c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.
2. Don discussed the Bassett Creek Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC) and the lack of representation from HNA. There was some comment regarding it's official capacity with the city and previous negative experiences from previous Board members. Tim suggested we move forward and look at the benefit of working with Bryn Mawr and the development of the Bassett Creek area.
 - a. Motion by Tim to fulfill open seats at ROC w/ HNA partnership
 - b. Seconded by Don
 - c. Gigi and others would like to gather more information of who/what the ROC is before agreeing to partner.
 - d. Tim tabled motion to be addressed at February meeting

Formal Complaint Regarding Procedure Manual

1. Resident Laura Dickinson questioned the where-abouts and accessibility of HNA's bylaws, policies and procedures.
 - a. Motion by Tim to put all of HNA policies, procedures and bylaws in a physical binder to access at the office; along with having them accessible online.
 - b. Seconded by Dustin
 - c. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

9:11pm Motion to Adjourn by Tim. Unanimous Approval.