

Harrison Neighborhood Association
July 11th 2022
Board Minutes

7:05 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: Aster Nefre

Area 2: Melanie Gatewood, Richard Panzironi

Area 3: Mars Muehlis, ~~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:

Mohammad Lawal, Ryan Davis, Eric Elgin, Ben Ptacek, Hipolita Kraeger, McKenzie Erickson

Guests:

Justin Eiller from Trellis

Review and Approve Agenda

Motion to amend agenda to include conversation regarding homeless encampment by Don, Tim seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Review and Approve Minutes

Motion to amend June minutes to include missing names from attendance by Don, Dustin seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Motion to approve June minutes by Dustin, Tim seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to amend bank account signatories for checks, grants, contracts and other necessary items per bylaws by Tim, Dan seconds.

Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Motion to approve June budget by Tim, Dustin seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Guest Speakers

Motion to send letter of approval for Mohammad Lawal and LSE Architects acquiring building at 1401 Glenwood Ave. by Don, Gigi seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Motion to send letter of approval for Trellis by Dustin, Erik seconds.

Discussion: Monica was curious of any conflict of interest if HNA is to acquire space in the future. Trellis representative, Justin Eiller, clarified the application they're applying for is only for the housing portion of their project and not any commercial portion and would not have any conflict of interest concern.

Motion to send letter passed w/ Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Executive Director's Report

Motion to table personnel discussion to closed meeting within one (1) week by Dustin, Melanie seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions

Discussion: Aaron was curious on protocol and process for meeting.

Motion to have President-Elect Tim Davis chair the closed meeting and have no copies of keys issued or access to office allowed to Don and Monica until meeting issues are resolved by Dan, Gigi seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Motion to pause staff hiring until meeting issues are resolved by Dustin, Dan seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

ED reported MNDot was implementing some of the demands by Bring Back 6th w/ curb extensions and lane reduction. They are not going forward with reduced MPH or extended crosswalk signal.

MN Rent Control work group is not yet fully established. Anticipate their first meeting sometime in August of '22.

Legal Aid Clinic is getting busier and requests members share it's availability with neighbors and online. Open office hours are 10am-3pm Thursday's or by appointment on Tuesday's by calling 612-334-5970.

HNA helped give away 10 bikes at Juneteenth last month.

Our raffle was successful and we already delivered appliances to some winners. We may have additional items to give away, but we're waiting on further info.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee has not yet met.

Development Cmte: Previous meeting involved brainstorm of what members expect from Cmte. Update on 250 Fremont got approval from city Planning Commission. Plan was changed since our last viewing from 350 units to 325 units and is a story taller. Ben asked developer for new plans but found them on Mpls city website. Set up new meeting for July 21st at 5pm at La Dona.

Events and Communications Cmte: Informed of next meeting July 21st at 6pm at La Dona. Members brainstormed ideas of various events. Venture North was represented and expressed their eagerness to work with HNA. Also touched on this committee's mandate including fundraising ideas and efforts.

Discussion: Monica asked about National Night Out and will HNA provide money to NNO hosts again this year. Nichole said we would have at least \$500 in unrestricted funds to use, but she would need to research further if we wanted to use more of the budget.

Motion to have 10 disbursements of \$50 each as reimbursement w/ receipt for hosts of National Night Out in Harrison neighborhood by Dustin, Richard seconds. Unanimous approval. No opposition. No abstentions.

Strategic Planning discussion: President Monica Arons reminded staff of meeting on August 8th. Encouraged members to speak w/ neighbors and come with ideas. Nichole suggested a 3rd party consultant to assist. Board consensus decided that was not necessary at this time. Dan suggested Nichole provide some insight on what worked in the last planning session and where the Board fell short so we can set realistic expectations.

Discussion on homeless encampment. The city has put out an eviction notice at the camp but did not specify a date. Members expressed concerns for neighbors' health and safety.

Area Updates: No new updates at this time.

Motion to Adjourn by Tim Davis. Unanimous approval.