

HNA April Board Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2022

Board Members Present: Ben Ptacek, Kari Anderson, Monica Arons, Don Ostenson, Tim Davis, Richard Panzeroni, Colin Merrigan, Melanie Gatewood, Richard Pointer, Chomkham Soudaly, McKenzie Erickson, Aster Nebro, Sunny Chanthanouang

Staff Present: Nicole Buehler, Mitchel Hanson

Neighbors Present: Eric Elgin, Laura Dickenson, Kathy Schafer, Erik Cedarleaf-Dahl, Bob Roden

1. Agenda Reviewed. Ben P. recommends adding encampment discussion with existing business. Motion by Arons and seconded by Ostenson to accept agenda with homeless camp addition. Passed with no objections.
2. Review of March Minutes and Special Meeting Minutes. Motion by Ostenson to accept and second by Arons. Approved with no oppositions; K. Anderson abstained.
3. Ptacek will present Standards of Conduct at next meeting. Contact Ben if you want to participate in development of same.
4. Treasurer Report – Motion by Davis to receive financials and hold for audit; second by Arons. Passed with no objections.
5. Executive Director Report summarized in writing and distributed to board members prior to meeting.
 - a. 2 year lease extension is due to be renewed. Anderson motions to renew lease; second by Nebro. Motion passed with no objections,
 - b. Motion by Pointer to that monthly meetings will be in-person with hybrid option, second by Panzeroni. Passed with none opposed.
 - c. M. Hanson is organizing an events and communication meeting on April 21. Email Mitchel if interested in participating.
 - d. Neighborhood clean-up scheduled on April 22 at 1030, meet at Peace Haven Garden.
 - e. Van White Homeless camp has a port-a-potty on site. They request no direct financial support from HNA.
 - f. Humboldt Camp is self-sufficient. A couple residents have secured permanent housing; otherwise there has been no change within the camp for several months.
6. Encampment Discussion – Arons sent update to Board Members about public safety and public health hazards within the camp documented with photos. Hazards include stacks of gasoline cans next to structure, open and unopened stacks of 5-gallon paint cans, some tipped over on-site, multiple extension cords strung together and lying in puddles of water from the generator to individual tent sites, human feces on the ground, bags of trash piled up outside of containers, fluorescent lighting stacked, public sidewalks blocked with a variety of metal objects making them unpassable. Arons requested the Board review HNA's mission statement to improve the quality of life for all members of Harrison to examine if it aligns with the Board's

on-going support of the Homeless camps, i.e., financial support and use of staff resources including blocking city action to clean and clear the encampments. Arons cited multiple business and resident concerns, including children living on the same block/sidewalk as the encampment and camp occupants harassing neighbors and extending public health concerns to areas outside the encampment. Davis motioned that HNA write a letter to the City of Minneapolis requesting they shut down the camps as expeditiously and humanely as possible, no later than June 1. Motion seconded by Arons. Discussion from Anderson, Nebro, Buehler to continue HNA support of and assistance to the Homeless Encampments to allow occupants to remain in a locale where social workers can locate them and to provide a housing venue without the structure and rules of a homeless shelter which the occupants are uncomfortable abiding by. Motion defeated: Nay Votes: Nebro, Soudaly, Chanthanouang, Anderson, Ptacek, Merrigan, Erickson. Yay Votes: Ostenson, Panzeroni, Davis, Arons. No abstentions. (Gatewood and Pointer not present for vote.)

Ptacek recommends re-wording a letter to Minneapolis that doesn't include closure of the encampments. Arons volunteered to submit a sample for Board review.

7. Bylaws Report – Nothing to report at this time. Awaiting review of draft by Birken Law; will revise as needed and submit to Board for final approval. Plan to have bylaws ready for community review by May Meeting and will go into effect May, 2023.

8. Motion to adjourn by Nebro, second by Davis. Meeting adjourned.