



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Notes
March 27, 2013
7:00 PM – 8:15 PM
Heritage Landing, 415 1st St N**

Attendees: Philip Ailiff , Dave Decker, Mike Faulk, David Frank, DJ Heinle, Matt Hilgart, Fritz Kroll , Karen Lee Rosar, JR Maddox Diane Merrifield, Scott Woller

Absent: None

- I. March Board Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. March 27, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda Approved
- III. February 27, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes Approved with one revision (date at top of notes changed from February 27, 2012 to February 27, 2013)
- IV. Finance Report – Mike Faulk
 - Phase II CPP Funds were approved - \$63,240 now available
 - February 2013 ending balance at \$3933.75 (general funds)
 - \$8000 Great River Greening invoice still outstanding
 - More detailed report to come at next month's meeting
 - February 2013 Finance Report approved
- V. Neighbor Comments
 - Seven neighbors/guests attended meeting including Mayoral Candidate Jackie Cherryhomes and Representative Raymond Dehn
 - Mayoral Candidate Jackie Cherryhomes Presentation: Ms. Cherryhomes has spent her entire life in Minneapolis – attended Augsburg and now lives on the north side; has participated in community organization, low income housing, and with small businesses; was 5th Ward City Council Member before the North Loop Neighborhood existed; disagreed when people said, “No one will live over there” (referring to the North Loop); led the charge in developing the North Loop and the Riverfront; is excited to be returning to public service; three main focuses are: 1) Property Taxes (to be fair and equitable; to provide services necessary related to those aging in place and new families starting out), 2) Safety (“job #1 for any mayor”/is active in crime prevention efforts), 3) Vibrant Economy (including job creation); also realizes importance of housing for families and multi-modal transit in the neighborhood; states she has skill and experience, is tenacious, a good listener, has the ability to bring people together, is hardworking and has what it

takes; please visit cherryhomesformayor.org; email address is jackiecherryhomes@gmail.com

- Reminder that Precinct Caucuses are April 16
- Representative Raymond Dehn: reports it has been busy at the capitol; co-author of MNSure (“official MN health insurance marketplace/exchange”); is working on bills related to funding opportunities around compact development near transit, clean energy policy, redevelopment/street car planning on Nicollet Mall, and the Growler Bill (to allow Fulton Brewery to increase production on site); reports the Park Dedication Fee is moving forward, but is not sure of exact status; asks everyone to fill out survey he previously sent out

VI. Committee Reports

A. Marketing and Promotions – Events – Scott Woller

- Saturday, March 27, 2013 – Spring Candy Grab “in the snow this year”
- Saturday, April 20, 2013 – Earth Day Neighborhood Clean Up; businesses and individuals getting involved; looking for more companies to participate; fire department will provide supplies for graffiti removal if neighborhood wants to make it a part of the Clean Up
- April NLNA Board Meeting – Twin Cities in Motion (Twin Cities Marathon organizers) will discuss a North Loop 5K and format of event (possibly earning stamps by stopping at certain locations along the race)

B. Marketing and Promotions – Website – Scott Woller

- Scott thanks Karen for providing a good amount of content for the web last month; Karen recommends creating short pieces of information with updates related to what’s going on in the neighborhood
- Diane and Scott met and will be meeting with One Town Creative on Thursday, March 28 for content management training; Matt states that he is interested in the training as well

C. Marketing and Promotions – Business Association – Scott Woller

- New resident welcome bags have been distributed

D. Planning & Zoning – DJ Heinle & Dave Decker

- The following topics were discussed at the March 2013 Planning & Zoning Meeting:
 - ✓ HERC Permit – Environmental review almost complete
 - ✓ Proposed pocket park along the 8th Avenue alignment between 2nd Street and Washington Avenue North; motions passed by both P&Z (3/20/13) and the NLNA Board (3/27/13) to write a letter of support for the concept to include a pocket park and a pedestrian/bike connection along the 8th Avenue corridor to serve as a connection from Washington Avenue to the River
 - ✓ Pedicab Ordinance Proposal; motions passed by both P&Z (3/20/13) and the NLNA Board (3/27/13) to write a letter of support to expand the current provisions to allow electric assist pedicabs
 - ✓ Committee Business including SW LRT update; Downtown 2025 update; NL Neighborhood Park Planning; Education Subcommittee; Sherman & Associates’ 324 Fourth Street Development (Planners want to remove landscaping at public ROW and edge of building; rep. from North Loop should attend next hearing to speak in favor of maintaining landscaping); Northern Lights Express (Minneapolis to

Duluth); and allocation of the \$42K in historic funds left over from the Federal Reserve updates (1:1 match is required)

- Please see the North Loop Neighborhood Association Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting notes from March 20, 2013 for more information; notes are available on the NLNA website
- E. Livability - Greening & Lighting– Fritz Kroll
- Fritz reports he is collecting bids for concrete work and other costs; asking businesses for contribution; may ask NLNA to “fill in the gap” for remaining expense
 - Fritz and Matt to walk the proposed site before the next Board Meeting
- F. Livability - North Loop Park Initiative – Karen Lee Rosar
- Karen reports that the Park Board is very interested in partnering for the feasibility study, but will not have funds until 2014 for the effort; will want to have a “say” on potential parcels Karen is currently working on cost estimate for the feasibility study
 - Karen and David met with the Twins organization last week; Twins are looking for projects for the Community Legacy Project funds; if the new park is selected as a Community Legacy Project – will the park be ready to “show” at the All Star Game mid-2014? If so, “we need to get moving on this.”
- G. Livability – Bicycle Update – Karen Lee Rosar
- Saturday, March 30 – Brewery Tour event
- H. Safety and Livability – Phil Ailiff
- Deputy Chief sent Phil a letter stating if the NLNA Board ever needs anything, “just ask.”
 - City of Minneapolis Bike Safety Study recently completed; addressed vehicle/bicycle accidents; an overview of study can be presented to Board if there is interest
 - Next PAC meeting is 4/3 at 4:00 PM at City Hall
 - Next Block Club meeting is 4/4 at 6:00 PM at Dunn Bros
 - Next Court Watch meeting is 4/12 at 10 AM at the Main Library
 - The event planned for April 24 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the 1st Precinct Community Room has been cancelled.
- I. Neighborhood School Update – David Frank
- David met with Becky Boland and Eric Laska for an update; first effort is to send out a postcard survey to learn more about the demand – what do people want?; decided a postcard will reach more people than an email; more on this at the retreat
 - Becky is okay with reporting progress to the Board once per quarter in person

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. NRP - JR Maddox

- Program is up and running; the initial goal was to get NRP Funds under contract and out of general funds
- No money has been loaned out yet; JR asks if the Board wants to define what the funds should be used for - OR - what changes the Board might want to make to the program (Change underwriting parameters? Adjust interest rate? Modify eligibility requirements?)
- Dave suggests that a loan from the NLNA could be used as the match for the \$42K of Federal Reserve historic funds
- More discussion on this topic planned for the retreat

- B. Farmers Market Advisory Group Update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - Karen reports there “may be a meeting in April”
- C. 2020 Partners Update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - Green Line is 90% complete
 - Metro Transit Station at Interchange – potential two-story space with a retail component on the street side; construction wouldn’t start until after the 2014 All Star Game
- D. DNG update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - No DNG update this month
- E. Twins – Home Opener scheduled for April 1 unless it rains; Bring a blanket!
- F. Target Center Implementation Committee Update – Karen Lee Rosar
 - Committee to meet April 4
- G. Neighborhood USAA Conference is May 22-May 25; anyone interested in attending?
- H. NLNA Board Retreat is scheduled for April 10 from 11AM – 1 PM at Corner Coffee; topics include Park, School, Farm to Table, Loan Program/Fund Use, and more

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- No new business this month

Neighbor Announcement: a gentleman from the neighborhood announced the need for a senior center in the neighborhood; stated there is no public access place to meet, there is no support for seniors in the winter; would like to have a room to use once a week, for example; Dave explains there is planning for a senior center underway, but it is a couple years down the road; David suggests many local buildings are available for group meetings for free and also suggests determining exactly what it is the neighbor wants (i.e. a room one time per week for how many people, etc.); Scott suggests the neighbor put something in writing and email it to him so Scott can include it in the newsletter

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.