



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Notes
July 25, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Heritage Landing Community Room, 415 1st Street North

Attendees: Tim Bildsoe, Diane Merrifield, Daniel Mays, Jackie Peacha, Irina Brown, Fritz Kroll, Fred Dawe, Andy Risvold, and Mark Huting.

1. July Board Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M.
2. **Motion is made by Diane, seconded by Mark, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the Board meeting agenda.**
 - a. Tim has printed agendas available on the counter.
3. **Motion is made by Mark, seconded by Diane, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the June Meeting minutes.**
4. Neighborhood Engagement
 - a. Lisa Neal Delgado, State Representative Candidate 59B, came to the NLNA meeting to share her story and candidacy. She is a resident of North Minneapolis and formerly served in the military for 23 years.
5. Councilmember Engagement – Councilmember Steve Fletcher
 - a. Now that the public comment period has ended for the draft, we are moving into the next phase of the 2040 plan. A revised draft will go to the Planning Commission and City Council in September.
 - b. The Minneapolis Police oversight Charter amendment is being actively debated..
 - c. The City is trying to figure out how to regulate the scooter-boom. Most residents seem to like the scooters so far. The City's approach is to welcome the scooters this season, but with limitations on the number of scooters in action so they aren't swarming. The City will observe the scooters through the fall and receive feedback from the community. Since the scooters will not operate in winter, the City will revisit the ordinance at that time. It is likely they will give one exclusive license like they did with NiceRide and eliminate competing companies. Bird has left a negative impression on people because they came in illegally. Lime, on the other hand, has been cooperative with the city. In general, the scooters don't solve major transportation problems but they're fun and appear harmless. One

complaint is the piles of scooters left in less-than-ideal locations like Boom Island. One potential solution is to paint designated areas where scooters have to be dropped.

- d. The 2019 street reconstruction plans include widened sidewalks and curb extensions from 2nd St to 4th St to improve pedestrian safety.
 - e. Fletcher spoke with Mark about the status of the park, and there is some confusion all-around about how the land transaction will occur. That said, everyone still plans to build the park and the North Loop is eager to have it.
 - f. Irina wants Fletcher to push more on the decibel levels of motorcycles. Within 30 feet you shouldn't be able to hear someone's music. There are existing policies on the matter, but enforcement and regulation are a challenge. We do not currently have an effective ticketing practice.
 - g. Neighbors asked about the reception of Chief Arradondo after the recent shooting. He is well received by communities who historically trust police as well as those who historically do not. Some are raising eyebrows over the lack of follow-through on disciplinary action, but overall, he is still well-received.
6. Finance Report – Irina Brown
- a. Irina has also updated the W-9 form and will share via email.
 - b. **Public Hearing 7-25-18 - Use of NLNA CPP Reserve Funds**
 1. This public hearing was noticed on the NLNA website and on our posted agenda. The NLNA has \$75,000 in CPP Reserve Funds allocated to support our adopted priorities.
 2. The NLNA's highest priorities include **beautification** and **pedestrian safety**. The NLNA's priorities were determined by neighborhood voting at our 2018 annual meeting. The NLNA board has developed a list of specific uses to meet the priorities. At the public hearing, the NLNA is voting to use these funds to support the neighborhood's priorities. **A motion is made by Andy, seconded by Fritz, and approved unanimously by the Board to designate CPP Reserve Funds to beautification and pedestrian safety projects in the North Loop.**
7. Secretary's Report – Jackie Peacha
- a. Jackie brought flyers for National Night Out. Coco needs to be eliminated from the flyer before public distribution. Coco also needs to be eliminated from the Facebook event.
 - b. In addition to monitoring the NLNA Facebook page, Andy will reach out to Scott and see who currently operates the North Loop Minneapolis Facebook page (separate from NLNA page).
 - c. NLNA has an existing list of emails that could be carefully used to advertise events like National Night Out. NLNA e-newsletters are currently sent to this list. Neighbors express importance of NLNA having a distinct email presence with an updated email list because many others in the neighborhood don't hear anything from the Board. Jackie plans to send Board agendas to management companies who will hopefully then distribute to their residents.
8. NLNA Priorities – Committee Reports
- a. Livability and Safety – Daniel Mays
 1. Daniel is meeting with the neighborhood alliance on August 1 to determine identity and mission. Their first task will be National Night Out.

- b. Website – Diane Merrifield and Jackie Peacha
 - 1. Website visits and click volumes have increased. 12% of site visitors were directed to the website via Facebook.
 - 2. Diane and Jackie widened the column on the right side of the website to make space for news and more pertinent information, such as events. With the budget this year, Diane and Jackie want to create a sponsorship page with donation and commerce functionality, as well as add more photography and historical information about the neighborhood.
- c. North Loop Business Engagement – Andy Risvold
 - 1. National Night Out – Whole Foods is donating all of the beverages including flavored water, regular water, and juice boxes. Darby’s is letting NLNA use their grill and dishes, and two sponsors have volunteered to cook the food. Andy has secured a volunteer photographer. The police and fire departments are both coming. MPD will be bringing a horse and a canine. The fire department is bringing a loaded truck and will fill the dunk tank. Andy is hoping a few business representatives will volunteer to be dunked. Kids activities include a bouncy house and face painter. Fritz says NLNA currently has 8 sponsorship commitments and 2 sponsorship checks for the event.
 - 2. Chalk Art Day – August 19th at Sunrise Bank
 - 3. Tim wants the Board to know that 2020 Partners is having their annual meeting at the HGA building on July 31st.
- d. Parks and Beautification – Mark Huting and Fred Dawe
 - 1. The City provided 6 trees that are smaller than they should be, and 4/6 died. The City will remove the dozens of trees that have died, but will not replace anything until next spring.
 - 2. Washington Ave & 394: Village Green will be mowing the area, pick up garbage, and trim for \$125 weekly. On September 15th, NLNA will be planting about 100 shrubs and trees on that property.
 - 3. The pedestrian plaza (from Washington Ave to 2nd Street) is moving forward into the design phase. The NLNA might be asked to contribute a small amount for the design work.
 - 4. Fred talking to Dog Grounds Board – they are interested in helping us with the dog park survey.
 - 5. Scott has created a sign template to be mounted on historically preserved buildings. The signs will show historical design and what previously happened in the buildings. They will be made out of aluminum and cost roughly \$60 each.
- e. Planning & Zoning – Jackie Peacha
 - 1. The P&Z Committee voted to approve the Fairgrounds Coffee & Tea parklet.
 - 2. NLNA has asked the City to amend the Public Hearing Notification section of the Zoning Ordinance to require applicants to widen their notification distance from 350’ to 750’ for major changes in land-use. We’re also asking the applicant to post a sign on the property notifying people of a proposed development. Applicants will pay for the cost of signs and the extra mailing costs. The NLNA will pilot the idea in the North Loop in August.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Nothing to report.

10. New Business

a. Nothing to report.

11. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018.

Adjourned at 9:04 P.M.