



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

North Loop Neighborhood Association
DRAFT - Annual Board Meeting Notes
March 12, 2019 (Rescheduled from January 30, 2019)
7:30 P.M.
Muse Event Center, 107 3rd Ave N, Minneapolis MN

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

Special Guests in Attendance: County Commissioner Irene Fernando, State Senator Bobby Jo Champion, Mayor Jacob Frey, and Councilmember Steve Fletcher.

1. 2019 Annual Board Meeting called to order at 7:33 P.M.
2. Special Guest Mayor Jacob Frey - Thank you to Board members; importance of neighborhood associations; and growth of the North Loop over the years
 1. City priorities: affordable housing, economic inclusion (growth with equity), cultural corridors, and police-community relations
3. **Motion is made by Mark Huting, seconded by Daniel Mays, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the 2019 Annual Board Meeting agenda.**
4. **Motion is made and seconded by North Loop neighbors, and unanimously approved by the Board to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes.**
5. Board Election
 - a. Candidate Intros
 1. Mark Huting (re-election) – passion for greening and beautification
 2. Dana Swindler – co-owner of Martin Patrick 3
 3. Jenna Mazal – not present
 4. Mike Binkley – 10-year resident of North Loop; retired anchor from WCCO; has created videos of the North Loop lifestyle now featured on our website
 5. Pablo Molinari – General Manager of Hewing Hotel (not present)
 6. Brian Axell – resident since 2011; lawyer; platform is pedestrian safety
 7. Joe McErlane – on P+Z committee currently; 13-year resident

8. Fritz Kroll (re-election) – 15-year resident; works in residential real estate; passion for dog parks
 9. David Crary – 3-year resident; led clean up for Earth Day in past years as a volunteer; platforms are safety, cleanliness, livability
 10. Jackie Peacha (re-election) – Co-chair of P+Z Committee; platform is historic preservation
 11. Bri Sharkey-Smith – 7-year resident; VP of Communications/Marketing for Better Homes and Gardens; volunteers as co-President for MSP Now; election judge; passion for civic engagement.
- b. Election – carried out by League of Women Voters
6. 2018 Priorities & Results
- a. Greening the North Loop
 1. North Loop Welcome Park (394 & 3rd); to include a welcome monument
 2. \$200k invested in planting new boulevard trees
 3. North Loop City Park - next to Schafer Richardson on 3rd St N
 4. North Loop Pedestrian Park – links Washington Ave and 2nd St
 - b. Historic Preservation
 1. Building signs
 - c. Community Engagement
 1. Candy Grab
 2. Chalk Art Day
 3. Food Truck Fair
 4. Neighborhood Cleanups
 5. National Night Out
 6. Outdoor Holiday Movie
 7. Little Free Library
 8. 2019 Community Engagement Calendar in giveaway bag
 - d. Livability and Safety
 1. Pedestrian Safety – NLNA purchased several crosswalk signs and placed them at high-trafficked areas. Will likely purchase 10 more in 2019.
 2. Washington & 3rd Ave N traffic issue – currently in discussions with County, MnDOT, and City
7. Special Guest Councilmember Steve Fletcher – Thank you to neighbors for attending and taking part in the growth of the North Loop
- a. Upcoming: expanding sewer system, fixing potholes and more, adding bump-outs to sidewalks
 - b. Encourage neighbors to go out in the Warehouse District
8. Final Remarks, Election Results & Adjourn
- a. Election Results: **New Board members are Mike Binkley, Dana Swindler, and Bri Sharkey-Smith. Re-elected Board members include Jackie Peacha and Mark Huting.**

Adjourned at 10:18 P.M.