

# North Loop Neighborhood Association Annual Board Meeting Notes January 27, 2021 7:00 P.M.

via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89011547600

- 1. 2021 Annual Board Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M.
- 2. Motion is made by Anna, seconded by Richard, and unanimously approved by North Loop neighbors to approve the 2021 Annual Board Meeting agenda.
- 3. Motion is made, seconded, and unanimously approved by North Loop neighbors to approve the 2020 Annual Board Meeting minutes.
- 4. Greeting from Mayor Jacob Frey
  - a. Expressed gratitude for how North Loop neighbors pulled together to support each other and businesses in 2020, particularly during COVID-19 and the unrest surrounding George Floyd's murder.
- 5. Introduction of Board Members
  - a. Diane Merrifield -- NLNA Website
  - b. Scott Woller -- Community Engagement
  - c. Francesco Parisi -- P+Z Committee Chair; Historic Preservation; Public Art
  - d. Mike Binkley -- NLNA Website Content Creator (inc. social media, videos, and articles); Historic Preservation
  - e. Bri Sharkey-Smith -- Civic Engagement and Volunteerism
  - f. Dana Swindler -- Livability and Safety
  - g. David Crary -- Parks Cleanup; City Staff Liaison
  - h. Jackson Schwartz -- Root District
  - i. Pedro Wolcott -- Diversity and Inclusion; Community Engagement
- 6. 2020 in Review. The NLNA Board and neighborhood volunteers...
  - a. Participated in cleanup events along the riverfront and streetscape.
  - b. Supported local businesses during COVID.
  - c. Attended Service Saturdays that included blood drives, donation drives, flu shot clinics, voter registration tents, and racial justice initiatives.
  - d. Consulted with City leaders about pedestrian safety measures and crime prevention.

- e. Planted more than 100 new trees, and created a neighborhood volunteer schedule for regular watering.
- f. Cleaned up and removed invasive species from James Rice Park.
- g. Advocated for more parks and green space in the neighborhood.
- h. Designed and launched a virtual walking history tour on NLNA website.
- i. Designed and posted historic preservation signs throughout the neighborhood.
- j. Redesigned NLNA website with neighborhood partner Ovative Group.

#### 7. Get Involved in 2021

- a. How would you like to be involved in the neighborhood in 2021?
  - 1. Poll taken via sli.do

### 8. Get to Know You

- a. Do you live and/or work in the North Loop, and for how long? How do you hear about North Loop news?
  - 1. Poll taken via sli.do

## 9. NLNA Priorities for 2021

- a. What do you think should be our neighborhood association priorities in 2021?
  - 1. Poll taken via sli.do
    - 1. Top priorities from the poll include: neighborhood safety, parks, pedestrian safety, neighbor-to-neighbor engagement, and events.

## 10. 2021 Board Member Election

- a. Board Requirements & Expectations
  - 1. Six positions are to be filled.
    - 1. Five of which are two-year terms, and one is a one-year term.
  - 2. 60% of the Board is required to be residents.
  - 3. Nominations made prior to this meeting were given an opportunity to submit a short video introducing themselves.
  - 4. Webinar attendees were given the opportunity to make nominations from the floor.
  - 5. Only residents and/or those who work in the North Loop can vote.
- b. Meet the 2021 Board Nominees
  - 1. Kay Adamski
    - 1. Resident/Renter
    - 2. Interested in community and civic engagement, events and communications
  - 2. Zachary Brunnert
    - 1. Resident/Renter
    - 2. Interested in livability and safety, business engagement, and the dog park
  - 3. David Crary -- current Board member running for re-election
    - 1. Resident/Owner
    - 2. Interested in community engagement, and parks and beautification
  - 4. Jo Hamburge
    - 1. Resident/Owner
    - 2. Interested in finance, and livability and safety
  - 5. Patty Hamm
    - 1. Resident/Owner

- 2. Interested in livability and safety, and business engagement
- 6. Jay Nuhring
  - 1. Business Representative
  - 2. Interested in P+Z Committee, and parks and beautification
- 7. Dima Rozenblat
  - 1. Resident/Renter
  - 2. Interested in P+Z Committee and business engagement
- 8. Mollie Scozzari
  - 1. Resident/Owner
  - 2. Interested in P+Z Committee and communications
- 9. Bri Sharkey-Smith -- current Board member running for re-election
  - 1. Resident/Renter
  - 2. Interested in community and civic engagement
- 10. Becky Soderholm
  - 1. Business Representative
  - 2. Interested in community engagement and the secretary position
- 11. Nettie Sparkman
  - 1. Resident/Renter
  - 2. Interested in community and business engagement
- 12. Dana Swindler -- current Board member running for re-election
  - 1. Business Owner
  - 2. Interested in livability and safety, and finance
- 13. Sarah Traczyk
  - 1. Business Representative
  - 2. Interested in community engagement, and parks and beautification
- c. Nominations from the Floor
  - 1. There were no nominations from the floor.
- d. Vote: Poll taken via sli.do
  - The following individuals were voted onto the 2021 NLNA Board: Zachary Brunnert, David Crary, Diane Merrifield, Francesco Parisi, Dima Rozenblat, Mollie Scozzari, Bri Sharkey-Smith, Jackson Schwartz, Pedro Wolcott, Dana Swindler, and Scott Woller.
- 11. Final Remarks & Adjourn
  - a. North Loop Board Meetings are open to the public and are at 7pm the last Wednesday of each month.
    - 1. The next NLNA Board meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.
    - 2. The next P+Z Committee meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Motion made by Kay, seconded by Dana, and unanimously approved by the North Loop neighbors to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.