

North Tabor Neighborhood Association

September 15, 2015 General Meeting Minutes

Board present:

Beth Sanders, chair

Keith Mosman

Devlyn Keith

Board not present:

Michael Andersen

Terry Dublinski-Milton

Max Goldencrantz

John Savoie

Dana Savoie

Val Walker

Others present:

Katy Asher, SEUL

Nate Walker, member

Nola Gray, NTNA member & Sunnyside Board Member

Agenda Items

1. Introductions & review agenda

- Due to a lack of quorum, previous minutes could not be approved
- Due to small meeting size, agenda order was altered
- Nola Gray added to the agenda

2. Nola Gray of Sunnyside presented Inner SE Community Center initiative

- Nola is seeking to create a community center for inner SE on the grounds of Washington High (SE 12 & Stark). The land has already been dedicated to this purpose, but other community centers have been prioritized over SE. PDC has funds, but they will expire next years.
- Nola is seeking the following:
 - A member of NTNA to join a board to help raise money and get citizen input
 - \$500 in seed money from each participating NA

3. Shelter in the City at Community of Christ

- COC is hosting Shelter in the City event to showcase work being done to end homelessness on Sunday 9/20 starting at 2 pm. The event, including dinner is free. The event coincides with the international day of prayer

4. Vice Chair report

- Review of rules for next month's election:
 - the next meeting will be a general meeting
 - candidates can be nominated by any member of the NA
 - the election determines the composition of the board, officers will be elected by the board at the following meeting
- Update on bylaws review:
 - There are some technical fixes to make and it was suggested that the newsletter section be reviewed for streamlining

5. Additional discussion of upcoming elections

- Katy recommended that the general meeting be held at a different venue, perhaps the second room at American Dreams pizza
- Discussed timing of elections. Previously, the Board didn't want elections to interfere with clean-up preparations, but that may not be necessary.
- Discussion of having elections in January

6. SEUL update

- small grants available soon - workshop is 9/30 at 7pm
- discussion of possible forum to discuss best practices with other NAs, specifically for administrative tasks and outreach

7. Disaster Prep

- discussion of PREP program or alternative preparations
 - More interest in PREP, which has been tested

8. Arts

- Is a plaque or other identifying marker needed?
- A policy document should be created to ensure that upkeep obligation is met
- A recap must be prepared as part of the SEUL grant

9. Administrative documentation

- **Keith** will begin drafting NTNA policy document template

10. Communications

- Latest note delivered--Note budget is in the black
- Next issue before the end of the year
 - could drive attention for possible general meeting in January
 - Discussion of a holiday coat drive
- New signs have been received
- Remaining funds
 - New Heights bulletin board?
- SE Examiner space

11. Reflection Activity led by Katy

- Accomplishments in the last year:
 - the mandala
 - The Note
 - Changes to the comp plan
 - Bike tours
 - most successful clean up
 - maintained/fulfilled all administrative requirements (SOS filing, etc.)
- Easier that we thought:
 - delivering the Note
 - partnering with NTNA & COC
- Strengths:
 - Shared vision
 - Stepping up to fill gaps as they appear
- Difficulties
 - getting second Note out
 - operationalizing ideas/appreciating our capacity
 - communication difficulties around the mandala
 - balancing major life events
 - outreach - reaching underserved populations
- Concerns for the future:
 - outreach: maintaining a strong board
 - recording best practices

Next NTNA general meeting:

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6:30-8:30pm @ 5600 NE Glisan