

**Bancroft Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2023**

Present: Satish Desai, Pat Siebert, Keith Twist, Peter Caldwell, Courtney Gildersleeve, Amanda Madison; Luke Stultz, Executive Director and Mickella Rolfe, new Outreach Coordinator.

Absent: Neal Baxter

Board President Satish called the meeting to order @ 7:08 p.m. and began with introductions.

The board members reviewed the November minutes.

Motion to approve the November minutes by Satish, second by Pat, motion passed.

Amanda Madison is a resident of the Bancroft neighborhood and expressed interest in serving on the Board of Directors. Discussion ensued.

Motion to appoint Amanda Madison to the Board of Directors until the next Annual Meeting made by Pat, second by Satish, motion passed.

Due to multiple scheduling conflicts, the Outreach Committee meeting will be rescheduled for the month of January - tentative date is Jan 18. The final date will be determined after Mickella sends out an online poll, and will be posted on the website calendar.

Annual Meeting tentative date will be April 20, from 6-8:00 p.m.

Goals for 2023 - Discussion ensued around events for the year. Some of those ideas are listed below.

Courtney asked about the ongoing anti-racism work and what that looks like for the year ahead. Mickella spoke about the events that are currently scheduled. There is now information on the project and future events on the BNA website.

European Dissent group for people to unpack what it means to be a European descendant in today's society. The group has been going strong for two years and recently Bancroft neighbors have asked to be involved. Discussion ensued on what the initiative in Bancroft might look like. Grant activity for this?

Keith asked about the Calvary Lutheran project timeline and suggested a welcoming celebration event in the neighborhood when that does open to introduce the new neighbors to the current neighbors.

Youth - get them involved, Pat said there was a lot of input on the survey at the last ice cream social.

Bee lawns were also brought up.

Staff Update:

BNA applied with State of Minnesota AGRI grant for \$30,000 for work with youth over the next three years. This is along with a \$40,000 grant from Hennepin County that will be applied to for the same time period. The grant will cover urban agriculture activities, such as maple tree tapping, syrup making, beekeeping, gardening, and community meals.

More grants are in the works.

Finance Committee - NRP Plan Modification

Luke reported that it's important to use the NRP funds that the neighborhood has left before the City comes in and takes them away from neighborhoods. As discussed when completing the 2023 budget, here are the finalized proposed changes which have been run by Bob Cooper at the City to ensure the numbers are correct. These changes need to be made to the NRP Plan in order to fulfill the two-year budget that was previously passed. Descriptions below:

\$96,698.12 moved from *Phase I 1.1.3. Home Improvement Program* to *Phase II D.2.3.1 Phase II Implementation* and *Phase II D.2.5.1. BNA Banner & Website* - these funds will allow BNA to run most programming, pay staff, office space, utilities, supplies, outreach, and communication.

\$23,954.53 from *Phase II A.1.1.2. Low-income Deferred Matching Loan Program* to *Phase II C.1.1.2. Youth Work Program* - these funds will allow BNA to continue working with youth in the neighborhood. Programs include snow shoveling and the Meridian Garden.

\$10,000 from *A.3.1.1. Emergency Home Repair Grant* to *Phase II A.1.1.2 Home Improvement Loan Program* - these funds will allow BNA to run the Curb Appeal Lottery program for another two years.

Motion Peter, seconded by Pat, to approve the Plan Mod and send to the community for a vote. Motion passed.

Satish asked if there was any other business to put in front of the board. Hearing none, there was a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. made by Satish, seconded by Peter, motion passed.**