

Bancroft Neighborhood Association

Thursday, February 2, 2023

The meeting took place on-line.

Present: Neal Baxter, Susan Heineman, Satish Desai, Keith Twist, Courtenay Gildersleeve, Peter Caldwell, Amanda Madison; Luke Stultz, Executive Director

President Satish called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Satish moved the November minutes; Susan seconded. Approved.

Announcement

Susan will resign as vice president as soon as we elect a replacement.

Executive Director's Report

Luke: I will introduce Mickella (our new Outreach Coordinator) and Pastor Brenda to each other soon. And I will give her the basic BNA blank forms for paperwork, invitations and what not.

Susan: How about connecting her with the Simpson/Trellis project personnel in April?

Luke: We're planning to do that at that time.

Outreach Committee Meeting

Satish: Our agenda for the committee for the next few months will be getting the word out to Bancroft area renters. We want to ask them what programs they would like to see. We'll engage with groups like Home Line to help us reach local renters. After we get acquainted then we can ask renters if they'd like to join the board. We also should add a renter/owner status line to our sign-in sheets.

Luke: I'll add that to the electronic sign up, too.

Satish: There is a lot of interest in the Anti-Racism Workshops. Dates are being added to the calendar into the spring. We also discussed preparations for the Annual Meeting, which will take place on April 20. Mickella is working on promotional material. She also sent out an e-mail about the next Outreach Committee meeting, scheduled for February 13, at 7 PM.

Luke: I'll be out of town for the May BNA board meeting.

Susan: Ask Mickella to sit in for you, won't you?

Snow Shovelling Update

Luke: This initiative is going strong! The crew has added a few houses that didn't sign up earlier. They've put in a lot of hours. Mike & I discussed asking for money from donors for funds to make the shovelling border-to-border. I also asked Pastor Brenda to have the City leave sand on the church property, so it's easy to reach for the crew.

Peter: Have the kids been able to keep up?

Luke: Only one resident has complained about not clearing the walk soon enough. We have extra shovels in storage, and Mike tells me the crews have all the supplies they need.

Satish: How are the finances for this?

Luke: We're running over budget, but we have enough money from the City to cover expenses. We also just submitted a grant application for summer work.

Susan: Are there grants for this through AARP and other senior groups?

Luke: I'll look into that.

As for BNA's finances generally, I've drafted a budget for the coming year. We have \$161,000 in uncontracted funds. The City wants us to commit that money to contracts, which we'll have the neighbors vote on at the annual meeting. We also have \$38,700 in the new CPP, 2-year, budget.

Satish: Do we need to start looking for money to run the organization with, in addition to program allocations? The City is cutting our administrative funds every year.

Luke: I'm looking into anything I come across.

Floyd Square News

Susan: The co-creation team that I'm on has 5 Bancroft residents. We feel Bancroft is well represented. The street work which was scheduled for 2023 has been postponed until 2025 or later.

Satish: I'm glad. These co-creation meetings need more time. In March, meetings of the blocks in the vicinity of Floyd Square will begin, two meetings per week. And more open house meetings will begin in the spring.

Susan: Check the City website for more information about these meetings.

Amanda: Mickella & I worked out how to share the renter engagement work between us, and we'll start doing that.

Adjournment

Susan moved to adjourn; Peter seconded. Approved, and adjourned at 8:02 PM.