

**Bancroft Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 14th, 2011**

Present: Neal Baxter, Andy Hestness, Sara Luoma, George Moore, Jessica Rosenberg, Ryan Strutz, Keith Twist, Michael Klick, Mike Simons, Evette McCarthy, Whitney Kieffer, Matthew Ayers, Matt Toburen

Absent: Robert Warland

Meeting called to order by Andy Hestness at 7:09pm

1. **Approval of Minutes** Mike Moved approval, Neal seconded. Motion approved.

2. **Treasurers Report**

- Keith reports. P & L and Balance Sheet for February and March produced by QuickBooks. Mike asks that we clarify the current balance in the Ruth Kincaid fund. February report, Neal Moves, Whitney 2nd. Approved.
- March Report- George Moves, Mike 2nd. Approved.

3. **Paul Marietta-Bancroft Elementary Principle-**

- 500 Students currently enrolled. Next year's projection is 560 students.
- Magnet school definition allows Bancroft Elementary to draw students from a larger area.
- Bancroft Elementary sign selection and installation is in progress. Funding has already been obtained.
- Bancroft Elementary is interested in starting a garden project on the grounds of the school.
- Community Education Program began this year after school. Spanish, Boy Scouts, Art Classes, etc.
- Sept 2012 marks 100th anniversary for the Bancroft Elementary. Paul would like to create a partnership with BNA to be involved in planning the celebration.
- Flower sale is in full effect by Bancroft students, please don't be surprised if you have them coming door to door. Funds go to field trips and community events.

4. **Green Initiatives-**

- Bethel Church approves expansion of Bancroft Community Garden!
- June 11th- 1pm-5pm- Grand opening of the River Lake Greenway. There will be many events all along the greenway from Lake Harriett to the Mississippi River. The GI committee is planning to join Urban Arts Academy to have a bike/walk parade along the Greenway on opening day. Neal will lead the sub committee

with the bike/walk parade. This event co-insides with the end of Bike/Walk Week Minneapolis.

3. Special Projects Committee

- Matthew Reports- Neighborhood Initiated Grant proposal proposed by **Mark Sauter**.
- The grant proposal is a request funding for the Bethany Community Garden. The \$853.00 requested will supply pavers, stone and delivery for the garden to separate it from the rest of the garden, 15 yards of compost for additional soil, power sod cutter rental, and other materials.
- The \$30 plot fee collected goes into the general fund. There is a portion of that money this year that will replace the hose at the church that was destroyed last year. We will plan to discuss earmarking the remaining funds to the Green Initiatives Committee and/or back to the Neighborhood Initiated Grant program.
- Neal has moved approval of the CIG as written. Mike seconded. Approved.
- On the grant form, the grants are listed as \$500-\$5000 maximum however the yearly allocation for the program is \$2,000. Mike moves to amend the current contract for community initiated grant to reduce the maximum grant to 2k. Whitney seconded. Approved.

4. Commercial Development Committee

- Evette reports- Still working on the Interior Grant application. Emmitt is helping the committee to compile a list of vacant businesses in Bancroft. The 38th St. Building Association will also help to compile this list. There will be a new coordinator in June and will be reaching out to Bancroft at that time.

4. Outreach Committee

- Mike reports- The Committee in March to devise a survey to gather information from the neighborhood to see what people are interested in seeing the BNA do. Committee is also working towards focus groups to allow for more in depth informational discussion. This would give the community members access to the BNA and to gather information from them face to face.
- Survey monkey would also be another tool for gathering information. Survey monkey is quick, easy and inexpensive.

1. Community Organizer's Report

- Jessica reports- Urban Arts Academy meetings for potential collaboration. QuickBooks 2011 is successfully installed. New email address created to ensure that the E-News for Bancroft is going out properly

- Events coming up, see the Upcoming Dates calendar.
- Crime Statistics have been released and Bancroft's crime rate is down overall.
- Bancroft Neighborhood Ice Cream Social will be Wednesday July 27th, 2011
- Southside Farmer's Market- June 30th is opening day 4-6pm! Southside farmer's market is looking to increase attendance and they've offered to have Bancroft to do events or have any present at the Farmer's Market.

1. New / Old Business

- Andy spoke about the Neighborhood Association collaboration meeting he and Jessica attended since the last Board meeting. They discussed current realities with Neighborhood associate with Cocran, Powderhorn, Longfellow, Standish Erickson, and others.

Each neighborhood associate taking a look at what each does well and have done budget comparisons.

Currently planning to submit a grant application to the McKnight Foundation to have a consultant help to facilitate the generation ideas about how the neighborhoods can be most effective with alternate models.

Letter of Intent is due to The McKnight foundation by tomorrow, April 15th. The Cocran neighborhood will be sending the letter to McKnight

Bancroft Meridian Garden-

Whitney reports a status update. There are 1-3 plots available at that garden this year. The water has in the past been a flat fee and this year they've obtained a donor for the water. For Summer 2012 a funding source will need to be identified. The city is now charging by usage for the water this season.

Additional discussion about the Meridian Garden and the role BNA plays with the garden will be continued.

Whitney is also attending the 3rd precinct meeting and will be happy to report back to the BNA.

Mike moves adjournment, Mike K seconded. Approved.