

**Bancroft Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 11, 2010**

Present: Neal Baxter, Evette McCarthy, Jacque Passow, Daniel Rauchman, Ryan Sturtz, Keith Twist, Elizabeth Glidden, Jessica Rosenberg, Dale Parent, Ralphine Parent, Becky Rayman, Angie Fleming, Renee Woodard, Whitney Kieffer, Eunice Dietrich, Dietrich, Mike Klick, Jerry Sturgelest, Linda Sturgelest, Jerry Sattanga, Arvid Hanson, Mildred Hanson, Rob Warland, Mindy Warland, Ann Twist, Maureen Hunt, Karen Notsch, Ryan Sturtz, Zoe Sturtz, Ginny Redgrave, Jonathan Allen, Ed Zamora, Heidi Marshall, Evan Marshall, Matt Toburen, Denise Toburen, Jerome Freese, Anne Freese, Andrea D'Angelo, Romell White, Karen Tennis, Andeen Allie, Mr. or Ms. Mandel, Sara Luoma, Julie Zamora, Michelle Fournier, Monica Olnschek,

Absent: Matthew Ayers, Emmett Bryant, Holly Hinman, Rebecca Rayman, Andy Hestness, George Moore, Mike Simons,

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Meeting called to order by Jacque Passow at 7:13 PM

Jacque introduced the existing board members. She provided an overview of BNA highlights for 2010. These included participation for the River-lake Greenway, new housing loan program, finalizing old NRP projects, monitoring NCR & NCEC updates, ice cream social, garage sale and the transition to new staff.

Minutes

The attendees reviewed the April, 18, 2010 Neighborhood Meeting Minutes. It was pointed out the motion for plan modification #6 was seconded by Catherine Mandel not "Amelia Mandel" noted in the minutes. The minutes were changed reflect this correction.

MOTION: To approve the September 2010 BNA board minutes; Moved by Neal Baxter and seconded by Franklin Deitrich. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Treasure's Report: Daniel Rauchman

Daniel shared that we used the services of a bookkeeper at the start of the review our NRP contacts. In April we had our neighborhood meeting to reallocate our NRP funding to specific projects. With the actions taken in April, BNA should have funding for the next 4 years. Daniel indicated that blue booklets were available on the back table with BNA's financial report.

Jacque asked if there were any questions. One person asked what our NRP phase I programs were used for? Jacques indicated the funding went to Community Initiated Grants, Events and Outreach,

Commercial Matching Grants and Housing loan Program. She also indicated that our NRP Phase II funding went into housing and discussed the program from Phase1 and what will be done for Phase 2. She also referenced the additional \$10,000.00 of funding added to our TCF loan programs.

Motion: To approve the annual financial report. Moved by Neal Baxter, and seconded by Jenny Redgrave. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Housing Committee: Jacque Passow

Jacque discussed the TCF loan program that BNA established and has been around for the past 10-15 years which has facilitated over \$1 million of reinvest in houses in the Bancroft Neighborhood.

She discussed the creation of our new loan program which was developed to assist those who do not qualify for loans through our TCF loan program. She indicated that these new programs consist of a low interest loan program and a separate deferred loan program. Jacque introduced Angie from the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation (GMHC). GHMC will be administering the new programs for Bancroft. Angie provided an overview of what their organization and took questions.

Green Initiatives: Neal Baxter

Neal provided an overview of the Green Initiatives committee from the pass year. Specifically he discussed the effort for developing a community garden at El Colloquial, but that the soil is not suitable for a community garden. He also discussed the neighborhood bikeways for the River-lake greenway along 40th and the North - South bike route on 17th Avenue.

Special Projects Committee: Mathew Ayres

Mathew introduced this new committee, which is charged with overseeing requests for Community Initiated Grants. He reminded the audience that they are interested in hearing about good projects. He also indicated that the committee would be used to address other issues that are not covered by other committees. If anyone is interested in participating in this committee they should contact the BNA office.

Commercial Development Committee: Evette McCarthy

Evette provided and overview of the committee's activities from the past year. They keep track of commercial space vacancies and try to match up any potential renters with those properties. She discussed the new businesses on Bloomington which includes Family Dollar, a Spanish church and

an adult day-care center. She talked about the efforts for the façade improvements and that the committee will be looking to see if they can help interior issues too.

Questions were asked about changes at the Nokomis mall. These concerned the signage for the new church, the adult day care business and the late hours application. City Councilwoman Elizabeth Gliden provided input about the current status of these issues and city rules governing these issues.

Jacque wrapped up this conversation discussing the Great Streets Façade Grants that the neighborhood administers. This program is funding \$75,000 of improvements in business facades.

Community Gardens: Jacque Passow

Jacque shared a summary of the Gardening activities from the past year. She reminded the audience that our Bancroft Community garden at 17th Avenue and 42nd. She told the audience that 6 community garden plots were developed this past year at the Meridian Garden on 12th Ave and 38th. In that garden they are going to try to clear up some additional space to allow for some vines for fruits and vegetables.

8th Ward Update: Elizabeth Glidden

Councilwoman Elizabeth provided an update about what has occurred in the 8th ward over the past 12 months. She discussed the River-lake & north-south bikeways, street improvements, façade improvements. She noted that bus-rapid transit station is being constructed at 46th & 35-W.

Crime and Safety: Karen Notch.

Karen provided an update of crime from the past year. She noted that the city has e-mail alerts that residents can sign up to receive. She also noted many burglaries are unforced that occur when windows are not shut. She reminded residents to use 911 when seeing anything suspicious.

Façade Improvement Grants: Jessica Rosenberg

Jessica provided an update about this program reminding the audience that this is a grant program to support business improving their exterior facade. This program covers the intersections of 38th & 4th Ave, 38th and Chicago, 38th & Bloomington. She highlighted some business that completed their improvements and those that have submitted applications.

NRP & NCEC: Jacque Passow

Jacque shared that Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is phasing out and that it will be replaced by a program from the city's Neighborhood and Community Relations department.

Elections: Jacque Passow

There are 10 open seats for the board. Jacque reminded the audience that the board has 15 seats and that board members serve two year terms. Board members are to attend the monthly board meeting and serve on one committee. Six individuals expressed interest to serve on the board including, Michael Klick, Neal Baxter, Whitney Keiffer, Rob Warland, Sara Luoma and Matt Toburen. Andy Hestness and George Moore, who were unable to attend, are existing board members who provided a written indication to be reelected.

Motion: To appoint Michael Klick, Neal Baxter, Whitney Keiffer, Rob Warland, Sara Luoma, Matt Toburen, Andy Hestness and George Moore as board members (serving from November 2011-November 2013). Motion made by Evette McCarthy and seconded by Catherine Mondel.

Old or New Business

No topics were introduced.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the October 2010 BNA board meeting.(at 8:35) Moved by Neal Baxter and seconded by Evette McCarthy. The motion received unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Andy Hestness, President

Keith Twist, Secretary