

**Bancroft Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Present: Neal Baxter, Andy Hestness, Mike Klick, Sara Luoma, George Moore, Jessica Rosenberg, Ryan Strutz, Keith Twist, Michael Klick, Mike Simons

Absent: Whitney Kieffer, Evette McCarthy, Matt Toburen, Matthew Ayers, Robert Warland

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Meeting called to order by Andy Hestness at 7:05pm

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

2. **Treasurers Report**

- Jessica reports. She is in the process of working to install QuickBooks 2011. Her goal is to have two months worth of financials for the April meeting.
- We will review the February treasurer's report at the April meeting.

3. **NCR/CCP Housing Committee Update**

- Andy Reports. Phase 2 housing program did go through. Committee did not meet last month. We have begun advertising the Housing Program.
- NRP: Freeze of funds. Andy reported that the committee will be weighing options for 10k to be moved to the TCF Home improvement loan program to keep that program solvent. We cannot use current NCR funds for this purpose as they aren't available for loan programs, only available for operating costs.
- Elizabeth Glidden believes that the 50% freeze on non contracted funds may increase further into 2012.
- NCEC: Jessica reports. NCEC Elections for neighborhood representatives. Melody Majors has resigned from the position as our neighborhood rep. There are open appointments and elected positions. The deadline is April 4<sup>th</sup> to apply for these positions. Neighborhood terms are 2 years, city elected terms are 3 years.
- Meeting to determine the election process to be held April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Neal will be attending. (Thank you Neal!)

4. **Green Initiatives-**

- George reports. Zero Waste BNA Board- Sara Luoma proposes the plan to become a Zero Waste Board. George moves, Mike S. seconded. Motion approved.
- Bethel Church Garden Expansion: George and Committee have proposed to the Bethel Church Board to expand the plot garden to a total of either 18 or 21 plots. Committee has worked out the details of pavers, space limitations, hoses and water usage. We've identified the need for \$250-\$300 to purchase a new 200 foot garden hose and caddy for the gardener's use. Current official start of gardening is May 1<sup>st</sup> according to the agreement with Bethel. The current fee is \$20/plot, **George moves that this be moved to \$30 per plot, Mike S seconded.**

**Motion approved. George moves that the Board allocate up to \$300 for a 200 foot a hose and caddy for use at the Bethel Plot Garden. Neal second. Motion approved.**

- Minneapolis Local Food Resource Hub Network- New program for education and deeply discounted seed/plant discount for gardeners. The committee recommends that the BNA become a member of this type of organization to support their mission. George proposes the Board spend \$30 to have a Community Garden membership to the hub and that Mike Simmons will donate the \$30. Ryan seconded. Motion approved.

**5. Commercial Development Committee**

- Matthew Ayers reports. Letters by requests for Initiated grand fund.

**6. Commercial Development**

- Jessica reports no updates.

**7. Outreach Committee**

Next meeting currently planned for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Bethel

- Reviewing old surveys from 1991 and 2004 to develop a new survey form. Planning to compile survey questions and survey layouts at next March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Andy's mother has offered to assist the committee with developing an effective survey tool as she has experience doing so.

**8. Community Organizers Report**

- NRP- Attempting to figure out the real amount of money we have remaining
- Block Club training. Existing block club leader meeting is 6:30 on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Bethel Church.
- Green Initiatives- Bud did great work with the Bethel Board Letter and Meeting.
- Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>-Phelps Activity Council potluck. We have limited resources to support them this year so they've requested that if anyone is interested, we can offer food for their upcoming potluck.
- Jessica reports on many other upcoming Community events
- Bancroft Elementary Principle will visit the BNA Board at the April meeting. Bancroft is looking for support for their Kaboom Program and is looking for volunteers for assistance in grant writing, etc for their playground program.
- Jessica is also discussing collaborating with the other neighborhood associations in the area. Jessica and Andy will be meeting with 4-5 other neighborhood organizations March 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the collaboration. The Bryant neighborhood is now hiring a part time Community Organizer.

**9. New/Old Business- None to report**

**Motion to adjourn by George, seconded by Neal. Motion approved.**

Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm