

**Meeting of the Bancroft Neighborhood Association
June 13, 2013**

Present: Neal Baxter, Josh Casey, Joe Hatch, Whitney Kieffer, Sara Luoma, Heidi Rivers Marshall, Evette McCarthy, Mark Sauter, Matt Toburen, Keith Twist; Luke Stultz, Community Organizer

President Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda—Joe Hatch

Evette moved to approve, Mark seconded. Approved, as amended.

Approval of April Minutes—Neal Baxter

Mark moved to approve, Matt seconded. Approved.

Minneapolis Energy Options—Dylan Kesti

Both Xcel and CenterPoint energy franchises are up due for renewal in 2014. An ideal time to develop a new energy grid for the City! Dylan explained to the board why renewing the 20-year contracts with these energy companies without reflection would be a great mistake. His organization, MEO, wants the citizens to vote in November for municipal ownership of these utilities. This move will signal to the firms that they can save themselves by negotiating new contracts which reflect 21st energy needs. He asked BNA to endorse the campaign headed by Minneapolis Energy Options.

Evette moved to endorse Minneapolis Energy Options; Mark seconded. Approved.

Form 990-EZ, et al.--Joe Hatch

BNA needs to sign and remit its legal tax and tax status forms to the proper authorities. These will henceforth be posted on our website. Heidi moved to sign and approve federal Form 990-EZ and the Minnesota Attorney General's Annual Charity Report form; Neal seconded. Approved.

Crime Prevention Committee—Luke Stultz

With the resignation of esteemed founder and chairman Mikki Denney-Wright, the committee has no executive. With some cajoling, Josh agreed to assume the co-chairman's role, with Julie Zamora as his peer in that post (pending her acceptance).

Green Initiatives Committee-Luke Stultz

We will have another clean-up day on June 22, in the morning, at Meridian Garden. Another public trash can is in use at 12th Avenue & 38th Street, and a new ash tray has been placed next to the bench. Bailey's Nursery is offering an enormous selection of plants on June 14. We have a rental truck ready. After arduous negotiations with Ginger Cannon of the Park Board, BNA has renewed the Meridian Garden's option to use the fire hydrant at 12th Ave. & 38th St. for watering the Garden.

Mark bought a wheel barrow and other gardening tools for the Meridian, which we will store in Neal's convenient back porch this summer.

Alina has a grant available for up to \$5,000 for communities in the neighborhood. It could pay for Yoga in the Meadows, a concurrent open-air gym of sorts for children and health activities for seniors. Luke will turn in the grant application.

And the Powderhorn 24 bike race will run through Bancroft again this August. Neighbors willing to risk their lives directing the bikers safely across the streets of Bancroft are invited to pick an intersection and stay as long as they can.

Commercial Development Committee—Evette McCarthy

Something really wonderful and big is on the way. More later.

The facade grant to pay for a mural on the wall of the *Minneapolis Spokesman* is due by July 31.

The owner of 3744 Bloomington needs money to finish renovation, and Luke is helping him find it.

The annual 38th & Chicago Festival was a resounding success last week. An estimated 600 people attended. The rain even held off! As permits from the City cost a great deal, Evette asked BNA to reimburse the 38th & Chicago Business Association a portion of the expense. Heidi moved that BNA reimburse the Association \$200 for costs accrued in putting on the Festival; Matt seconded. Approved. (Evette abstained)

Community Organizer's Report—Luke Stultz

Received a grant of \$9,900 from Pillsbury House for 3 performances in Bancroft. Artists will develop 3 different plays about gentrification with 3 several audiences. Bancroft will keep \$1,500 for Luke's time spent on this project.

The recent Neighborhood USA Conference was outstanding. Luke learned how fortunate Mpls is to have money from the state fisc to help fund neighborhood work.

City of Lakes Community Land Trust, which has helped 3 households in Bancroft stay in their homes, would like a letter of support for their work.

Lindsay Walz of courageous heARTS is paying \$315 for 3 bike racks at her corner (42nd & Cedar). She would like reimbursement. Mark moved to forward \$315 to courageous heARTS as reimbursement. Approved.

Our interns begin their work on Monday, June 16. They are Antonio Lopez and Mawa, and they will work 23-27 hours per week under Luke's supervision until August 15.

The date for the next BNA garage sale is August 24.

Permits for the Ice Cream Social in July are costly and myriad, but Luke has them well in hand. El Colegio enthusiastically gave BNA leave to expand the event to their side of Bloomington Avenue.

Mark moved to adjourn; Neal seconded. Approved, and adjourned, at 8:10 PM.