

Meeting of the Board, Bancroft Neighborhood Association
Thursday, March 13, 2014

Present: Neal Baxter, Josh Casey, Kyle Gaffaney, Andy Hestness, Lisa Lindstrom, Sara Luoma, Mark Sauter, Matt Toburen, Keith Twist, Daniel Wolpert; Luke Stultz, Community Organizer

President Sara called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, and asked all present to introduce themselves.

Approval of the Agenda—Sara Luoma

Andy moved approval, Mark seconded. Approved.

Approval of the Minutes for February—Neal Baxter

Mark moved to approve the minutes; Matt seconded. Approved.

New Board Member—Sara Luoma

Dan Wolpert, who lives on 10th Avenue and 38th Street, approached Luke about joining the Board. He likes the idea of neighborhood government, and wants to be part of it. Luke explained the basics of neighborhood associations and the City's relationship to them.

Andy moved to accept Dan on the Board; Kyle seconded. Approved, and Dan took a seat on the Board.

Treasurer's Report—Kyle Gaffaney

We have real financial documents! Our finances are in good order; nothing unusual to report. Andy moved to receive and file the treasurer's report; Neal seconded. Received and filed.

Revised By-Laws—Andy Hestness

Many of our by-laws were outdated, or didn't reflect current practice. The Executive Committee proposed changes to BNA's by-laws, which changes the Board examined at the February meeting. The Bancroft neighborhood was invited to attend tonight's meeting, in accordance with our current by-laws, and vote yea or nay on the revisions. Neal moved to adopt; Kyle seconded. Adopted.

2013 CPP Rollover—Kyle Gaffaney

BNA's 2013 CPP contract had over \$6000 left at year's end. The City requires that CPP funds left unspent must be rolled into our Neighborhood Participation Plan. Neal moved to roll over BNA's unspent CPP funds into our NPP plan; Lisa seconded. Andy proposed an amendment to the motion, adding the exact amount (\$6097.97). As Neal accepted the amendment as friendly, the motion became: to roll over BNA's unspent \$6097.97 in CPP funds into our NPP plan. Approved.

Housing & Commercial Development Committee—Matt Toburen

Committee meets on the 4th Thursday in each month, at 6 PM. Priorities: focus on the former bowling alley site, at 41st & Bloomington; home sale information, as available; creating a new homeowner packet; repeat Karen Notsch's Home Safety talk; beautify the sign at Cedar & 38th Street.

Green Initiatives Committee—Mark Sauter

Mark serves as chair, and the Committee meets the 3rd Monday each month, at 6 PM. Priorities: executing the new Meridian Garden plan (which the City's Carrie Sullivan told us we could carry forward); installing a fence at Bethel Community Garden; setting up recycling bins in Bancroft Meadows; recruiting new members. The Meridian Garden plan does not need Board approval, as the Board already approved the funds.

Programs & Outreach Committee—Andy Hestness

The Committee will meet the 1st Tuesday each month, at 7 PM. Priorities include the Ice Cream Social and Food Truck Fridays. The Committee will also review neighborhood grant applications.

Community Organizer's Report—Luke Stultz

BNA will not attend this year's Southwest Housing Fair, which yielded no tangible or desirable results.

Yoga and Open Gym will fold for 2 months, while Dina has her baby. The Board discussed this, and agreed to continue these programs through April with an interim leader.

Bethel wants to host a MNSure information session. Matt allowed that he could find a MNSure staffer to attend. It's time to choose the date for the Ice Cream Social. The Board chose July 17, July 24 in case of rain. A beer garden at the event would be delightful. The Program Committee will handle this and the rest of the planning for the Social.

When shall we hold our Garage Sale? September 13 was the date chosen.

The City has found new insurance for qualified neighborhood associations (BNA is qualified). The insurance covers

personnel problems, is free to us, and comes with a \$25,000 deductible.

Cindy Dowd, who owns the brick building on the northwest corner of 38th & Bloomington, applied some months ago for a \$10,000 grant to fix the property. The Board has yet to vote on this! The work includes work on the windows, stairs, and much else, for a total of \$58,000. A Great Streets grant will fund about half the cost.

Discussion followed whether the City would in fact give BNA money pursuant to this grant, as the program expired in December. However, the application was first remitted in October.

The new Welcome to Bancroft signs are ready.

The new computer in the office works fine.

Please submit articles for The Banner.

Great Streets will fund an analysis of the intersection at 38th & Bloomington.

Changes are underway, we hear, at the former bowling alley on 41st & Bloomington. Interested parties will meet with Elizabeth Glidden at Bethel on March 19, at 10 AM.

Discussion followed on ideas for 41st & Bloomington.

New Business—Sara Luoma

Another meeting with representatives of Seward Co-op will take place at Sabathani on Tuesday the 18th, from 6 to 8 PM.

Mark moved to adjourn, Neal seconded. Approved, and adjourned at 8:08 PM.