

**Meeting of the Board, Bancroft Neighborhood Association**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2015**

Present: Neal Baxter, Kyle Gaffaney, Julie Zamora, Joe Hatch, Catherine Mandle, Josh Casey, Dan Gilchrist, Matt Toburen, Keith Twist, Geneva Finn (via telephone); Luke Stultz, Community Organizer; guest Katie Cook.

President Hatch called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

**Approval of the Agenda—Joe Hatch**

Neal moved to approve the agenda; Catherine seconded. Approved.

**Approval of the October Minutes—Neal Baxter**

Catherine moved to approve the minutes; Dan seconded. Approved.

**Jardín Magico—Katie Cook**

Katie works for the new daycare that will open soon in the old bowling alley on 41<sup>st</sup> & Bloomington. The Jardin is waiting for a final visit from state licensing. After the visit, the facility should open soon. The Jardin is an environmentally friendly, Spanish immersion day care, open 7:30-5:30 Monday through Friday. They will be able to admit over 100 children, and still have openings.

Ms Cook had no idea who will share the building with the day care, but said Jardin is looking for a “productive & resourceful tenant”.

Call ahead for a tour of the Jardin, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 or 3:30.

**Treasurer's Report—Kyle Gaffaney**

We went over budget this month, as more bills than income came in. Food expenses, too, added to the our cost of hosting events recently.

Catherine moved to accept & file the report; Neal seconded. Approved, and filed.

**Outreach Committee—Catherine Mandle**

The Oct. 24 Fire Safety went well. Sixty neighbors attended, and the staff of CourageousHearts hosted a delightful art room for the children. The fire truck was a big hit, and appeared to be the draw for many families. We will plan to have trucks at other events.

We want to host a meeting in December with all the block leaders. Each will receive \$25 toward National Night Out expenses. Our committee will ask the block leaders for names of those whom we can call on in emergencies, and for other help.

Red Cross day we will recruit young baby sitters and pay for their training, so they can watch the little ones on Parents Night Out. We also want to share a baby sitter list around the neighborhood.

Other ideas: movies in Bethel's movie room (they have a projector!), a game afternoon or evening, sledding, Community Emergency Response Training, too.

Catherine moved to approve up to \$1000 from NRP funds to give block leaders who attend the December Block Leader meeting; Neal seconded. Approved.

**Green Initiatives Committee—Neal Baxter**

The Meridian Garden has been readied for winter, so no more reports on the Meridian until late winter. The Bethel plots have been cleaned up , too, and another growing season is behind us.

**Housing & Commercial Development Committee—Matt Toburen**

Several board members and neighbors toured the abandoned house at 1011 E. 40<sup>th</sup>. The place looked dreadful, and the very air was mephitic. Three proposals will come before the neighborhood; the City Council will approve one in good time.

At 3801 Bloomington, the “whimsy” continues. The chessboard in Peavey Plaza has been offered us, for \$800-1200.

We have re-applied to serve as a Great Streets fiscal administrator, and 3 business nodes in East Nokomis are available to administer.

We need to change the security rebate program to require pre-approval for work done, not reimbursement. Luke will re-write the document.

As our revolving loan fund is flush and our deferred loan fund is empty, with an application waiting, Catherine moved that the board move \$5200 from the revolving loan fund into the Emergency Repair Fund; Neal seconded. Approved.

The committee wants to re-design these programs. The board agreed that GMHC would help greatly with this.

**Staff Report—Luke Stultz**

The Park Board is moving forward with their Southside Area Master Plan. Come to their open house, on Dec. 3 at Powderhorn Park, from 6-8 PM, to learn more.

Luke is planning a new look for the Banner, with a featured business and a story from Bancroft's past in each edition.

**Luke's Review—Joe Hatch**

Hatch distributed Banio's review of Luke's performance, and asked for comments from the Board as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.