

Meeting of the Board, Bancroft Neighborhood Association
Thursday, October 12, 2017

Present: Kate Roarty, Nicole Falk, Neal Baxter, Dan Gilchrist, Joanne Jongsma, Hector Fernandez, Geneva Finn, Keith Twist

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

Approval of the Agenda

Neal moved the agenda; Keith seconded. Approved.

Neighborhood Rain Gardens Proposal—Jennifer Ehlert, Metro Blooms

Metro Blooms is a non-profit landscaping firm. They help homeowners design small yard or boulevard gardens of native plants that collect runoff water. The neighborhood associations support the cost of these gardens (\$500 each) and advertise the program; average cost per household is \$350. The board should tell Metro Blooms in November how many gardens we want to make available to our families.

Approval of Minutes--Neal Baxter

Keith moved to approve the September minutes; Nicole seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report—Dan Gilchrist

Nothing unusual to report. Money is flowing nicely through our account.

Geneva moved to accept and file the financial report; Neal seconded. Approved.

Roosevelt High School Event Funding—Nicole Falk

Nicole has arranged with the school to have BNA fund an activity at Roosevelt's Day of the Dead festivities, pending board approval.

Nicole moved that the board sponsor the sugar skull making stand at Roosevelt High School's Day of the Dead event; Joanne seconded. Approved.

NRP Survey Report—Kate Roarty

The survey reflects the views of a small portion of our neighbors, and none of our agendas met with their disapproval. The board took this to mean that BNA is doing fine.

Ideas we favor: playground improvements for Bancroft School
stop signs on 39th Street near the school
a garage sale in the spring
a sledding party in Bancroft Meadows

Staff Report—Kate Roarty

In Luke's absence, Kate summarized his report.

- We asked Metro Transit about the bus shelter at 42nd & Bloomington (NE corner). We are told that the stop is little used, so Metro Transit isn't interested in fixing the shelter. We'll look for more information, and keep this spot on our agenda.
- Crosswalks at Bloomington and 40th & 41st Streets would enhance safety in the neighborhood.
- Public Works is looking into whether the Bancroft School corners at 39th Street meet their criteria for stop signs.
- Luke found 2 firms interested in upgrading our website, MN Tech Co-op and The Site Edge. They share similar cost estimates. We'll ask him questions in November.
- BNA could set up a code compliance program for households, similar to our home improvement programs. We might also establish a facade improvement program for concerns outside the business nodes we administer.
- No hurry yet to find a home for our NRP funds. Luke believes we have until spring.

Neal moved to adjourn; Geneva seconded. Approved, and adjourned at 8:28 PM.