

**Meeting of the Board, Bancroft Neighborhood Association
Thursday, November 9, 2017**

Present: Kate Roarty, Nicole Falk, Neal Baxter, Joanne Jongsma, Hector Fernandez, Keith Twist; Luke Stultz, Executive Director

President Kate called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Neal moved the agenda; Keith seconded. Approved.

Approval of Minutes--Neal Baxter

Nicole moved to approve the October minutes; Hector seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report—Luke Stultz

We had few expenses this past month, so our statement shows a gross of \$2200. Luke & Dan will soon begin crafting the budget for 2018, to present at the January meeting. Neal moved to accept and file the financial report; Nicole seconded. Approved.

Green Initiatives Committee Report—Neal Baxter

The season is over, and The Meridian Garden is preparing for winter. Koby & Andrea of The Tiny Diner and Neal will begin planning another season of collaborations, sometime after January. We hope to plan more classes, etc., involving both venues. We are still looking for a business to make a sign for The Garden; at the March board meeting we'll decide which to hire.

Everyone with a garden plot in Bethel's church yard has cleaned up their space, and deposits will return to them this week.

Neighborhood Initiated Grant—Kate Roarty

Bethel Church wants to host a bike repair station on their land, which sits along the route of the Southern Bike Connection on 17th Avenue South. The cost will be from \$800-\$1400. The cheapest has no air pump; the more costly units have the most useful features. Bethel will maintain the station, and report to BNA on use, condition, and other metrics during the year.

Nicole moved to allocate to Bethel Church up to \$1400 for a bike repair station; Neal seconded. Approved.

Update from Council Member Elizabeth Glidden concerning 38th & Chicago

The camera which BNA and others have wanted for the corner is now possible, thanks to the City's improved server space. Inspector Johnson adds that police presence, both plain clothes and uniformed officers, in the vicinity will increase.

Joanne: we expressed again (at a meeting in September) BNA's eagerness to help defray the cost of a more effective camera.

Also, we will invite a police officer to our February annual meeting.

Rain Garden Proposal—Kate Roarty

This item follows the presentation by Metro Blooms in October. The board discussed the proposed program, and how many gardens we were willing to help fund. Nicole moved to fund 10 gardens; Joanne seconded. Approved.

Luke: this initiative was very popular in 2012. We might contact those who signed up then to sound their interest.

Kate: let's also keep our eyes out for pollinator & butterfly gardens.

Keith: we should include a notice about this rain garden offer in the next *Bancroft Banner*.

Staff Report—Luke Stultz

Matt Ayres has resigned from the board.

I have found 2 printing companies with reasonable rates to print the *Banner*.

In December we will meet at The Aliveness Project's building, at 38th & Nicollet, and assemble gift packages for the needy. Nicole moved to spend up to \$350 on hats, gloves, and other winter wear for families in need, through the Aliveness Project; Neal seconded. Approved.

A farewell party for Council Member Glidden will take place at Martin Luther King Park, on November 14, from 6-8 PM.

The City of Lakes Community Land Trust has informed the City of intent to build a new house at 3825 Bloomington. The City wants BNA to collect the opinions of neighbors. BNA will send the City a letter of approval for this project.

A "curb appeal" lottery has been proposed. Any local upgrade of the street aspect of a house is eligible to win; the lucky homeowner wins reimbursement of the cost of the project. Discussion of this idea extended to offering this funding to houses that seem to need improvement. Nicole moved to make available \$20,000 for a curb appeal lottery; Hector seconded. Approved.

Keith suggested the board look into ways to slow gentrification and support housing that potential residents can afford.

Two website developing firms look like good matches for Bancroft. MN Tech Cooperative costs less and offers more than does The Site Edge, including training and support. Nicole moved to choose MN Tech Cooperative; Joanne seconded. Approved.

Neal moved to adjourn; Keith seconded. Approved, and adjourned at 8:55 PM.