

MPNAI July Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 6:30-8pm
Hosted by Stewart Park

Board members present: Joe Golish, Jana Metge, Beth Hart, Rand Retterath, Sunshine Sevigny, Donna Neste, Miriam Maples

Board members absent: Mahamed Cali

Guests: Marjorie Magnuson

Quorum reached at 6:35pm

I. Call to Order - Joe welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

- **Motion** was made by Jana to accept July meeting agenda with the addition of discussion of bank garnishment. Motion seconded by Rand and approved unanimously
- **Motion** was made by Jana to approve June meeting minutes with correction to Alley newspaper motion. Motion seconded by Miriam and approved unanimously with Rand Retterath and Beth Hart abstaining due to missing June board meeting

II. Hiring Independent Contractor

- Jana reviewed the difference between Outreach Partnership Memorandums of Understanding and an Independent Contractor. Professional Services Agreement between MPNAI and Hannah Kamath distributed and discussed. Consultant Agreement between MPNAI and Bart Burch distributed and discussed.
- **Motion** made by Jana to amend the payment section of Hannah Kamath's Professional Services Agreement on page 3 to read, *"This is not to exceed \$125 per month."* Motion seconded by Sunny and approved unanimously.
- **Motion** made by Beth Hart to approve Consultant Agreement between MPNAI and Bart Burch. Motion seconded by Jana and approved unanimously.

III. Mission Guardian Minneapolis Membership

- Joe provided an overview of the Mission Guardian legal service provided to MPNAI through the city of Minneapolis. This service gives neighborhood organizations access to legal information and template documents provided by Birken Law Firm through an online portal. In addition, two 15 minute legal consultations per month are available over the phone.
- **Motion** made by Donna to create a Mission Guardian online account for MPNAI. Motion seconded by Jana and passed unanimously.
- Discussion of recent court ordered bank garnishment related to alleged unpaid interpretation services. Jana reports MPNAI sent payment for these services twice but checks were never cashed or returned. MPNAI will seek legal consultation on this matter from Birken Law Firm.

IV. Financial Report

- **Motion** made by Jana to accept and receive April and May, 2019 financial reports. Motion seconded by Donna and passed unanimously.
- Discussion of recent court ordered bank garnishment of \$655.26 plus \$100 processing fee related to alleged unpaid interpretation services. Beth Hart reported that MPNAI sent payment for these services in December, 2018 but the check was never cashed or returned. **Motion** made by Jana to schedule a conference call between MPNAI (Joe, Jana & Beth) and Birken Law Firm for review of this matter. Motion seconded by Beth and passed unanimously with Rand Retterath abstaining due to absence from this discussion.

V. Committee Updates

- Event Committee-Jana & Donna reported on final preparations for the Midtown Phillips Festival. Bethlehem Church is unable to deliver tables/chairs/stage and they have in years past so MPNAI may need to rent a truck. Jana will email more information as it becomes available. Sunny reports she is working on a 30-second radio spot to advertise musical performances.

VI. Recap Recent Events

- 15th Avenue Corridor Meeting (26th-28th Street blocks) was held on June 24. Jana reported that Mad Dad's hosted a pop-up and neighbors discussed safety concerns included an increase in unsheltered homelessness and used needles in the area. MPNAI Board discussed the possibility of inviting Angela Conley, Hennepin County District 4 Commissioner to a neighborhood meeting to discuss safety concerns.
- June MPNAI Community Meeting was a small but successful BBQ at the park known as the former CEPRO site. Everyone who attended agreed it was a fun event.
- June 29th Block Party hosted by Council Member Cano's office was held in the parking lot of El Mexicana at the corner of Lake Street and Bloomington Ave. Council member Cano attended the event briefly and reviewed the work of her office to improve safety and livability in this part of the neighborhood.

VII. Greenway Apartments

- Joe provided a recap of this issue and updated the Board on the property owner's response
- Discussion of creating a MPNAI Housing Working Group to focus on strategic planning around issues related to new housing development in the neighborhood.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Miriam Maples