

## MPNAI Board Minutes, October 12, 2021

Board Members present: John Richard, Wayne Bugg, JoAnne Johnson, Donna Neste, Jamie Mendoza-Brenner, Sunshine Sevigny, and Jana Metge.

Board Members absent: Chris Lomheim and Mahamed Cali.

Guest: Rico Morales

### AGENDA

I. John called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and welcomed everyone.

II. The October Agenda was approved by consensus.

Motion: To accept and receive September 2021 Board Minutes.

III. Crime Hot Spots - 12th & Lake Activity relocated to 14th & Lake. The AIM camp is quiet and managed well. People still crashing and shooting up along the 2600 block of Bloomington. There was much discussion about the increase of gun shots heard and a 20% increase of gun shot wounds. There is also an uptick in gun theft.

IV. Green Light Initiative (10 mins) – An organization that has sites in a number of cities that has recently located one of them in the Twin Cities. They identify economically stressed and racially diverse neighborhoods, and the families and children within them with “pressing unmet needs. They fund-raise, identify problems and create innovative solutions. This past week they did a focus group that Wayne and Donna attended. Greenlight held this focus group for LEAD an organization begun in Seattle that builds one-on-one relationships with those who are homeless and/or addicted to help them navigate their lives until they get back on their feet. It’s unclear how the two organizations are connected Wayne wanted to share a power-point about Greenlight, but they didn’t send it to him. Jana said that former Mayor Sayles –Belton sits on the Greenlight Initiative advisory board and thinks it will be a very good thing for Minneapolis. Donna offered to contact Greenlight to invite them to give a presentation during the community meeting on Jan. 25.

V. Finance Report - Jana reported, and made a motion to accept and receive the August 2021 finance reports of MPNAI. Donna seconded it. The motion carried.

Report: General Liability Insurance is renewed; Robert Thompson collected bids and completed our application, ensuring coverage.

Report: Directors & Officers Insurance has been renewed. Robert Thompson completes this for us as well.

Report: The CPA firm, BWK Rogers, a minority owned firm in Elliot Park, is working on the 2020 IRS 990 and AG Annual Report due November 15th, 2021. The bookkeeper, Robert Thompson, got all required finances to them and Jana completed the Charities Division Annual Report narrative and questions.

Motion: Jana moved MPNAI authorizes President John Richard & Treasurer Jana Metge to sign the IRS 990 & Attorney General Charities Division Annual Report for 2020. JoAnne seconded it. Motion carried

Report: We are still working on 2 policies required by NCR in the Neighborhood Network Application, the Whistle blower & Language Access policies. The samples received are for large corporations or organizations and not within our capacity to fulfill as they stand.

Report: The law firm which the NCR Department has hired completed the MPNAI Secretary of State Annual Registration; without telling us or checking in with us. They did not have updated information and listed the incorrect Board President. There is a \$55 fee to correct. Jana authorized Robert Thompson to correct this. Jennifer Naglak is not the President anymore, John Richard needs to be listed as the current President. Jana sent an email of concern to the NCR office and a response email to the law firm requesting they reimburse the \$55.

Report: Give to the Max Day is in November. Sunny volunteered to update the icon and set this up for us. It was suggested that we reach out to our neighbors and try to get more people to donate.

Motion: Jana moved for MPNAI to Approve the Neighborhood Network Application and Budget. Donna seconded and the motion carried.

Report: Only \$15,000 max is available for administration. Jana put at least 40 volunteer hours into it.

Motion: Donna moved that MPNAI Approve the Community Engagement Application. Wayne seconded it and the motion carried.

Report: Donna who also put at least 40 hours into this plan, highlighted the under-represented groups prioritized in the application - Low income, Black/Somali, Latino, and American Indian. Each focus area had a description of proposed outreach activities, partners to be involved, barriers, resources needed, qualitative goals, quantitative goals, timeline, and outcomes. A draft budget is attached. MPNAI is eligible for \$43,513 in funding. The budget is written for \$58,000 because that is what we need to fulfill our proposed 2022 organizational budget. Remaining CPP funding will roll over into this contract but we will not know how much remains until year end. Jana will try to report on an estimated amount of unspent CPP Funds in November.

Concern was expressed with this drop from \$72,000 to \$58,000 especially with all the need here. Jana suggested a January meeting with whoever wins the 9th Ward Council seat to discuss the need for additional funding for Midtown with the needs and inequity which exist.

## VI. Announcements:

Phillips Community Clean Sweep debrief - 200 present, lower numbers due to pandemic. Very few T-Shirts left. Allina paid for Breakfast Food from MAPPs at Global Market. Lunch was prepared by Involve MN. Extra food from

lunch and breakfast, along with 3 cases of water were taken to the AIM camp. Somali TV filmed. Suggested to get Community Radio stations to broadcast live from the Event next year. Everyone loved the Brass Messengers!

Tomorrow, Wednesday 13th @ 5:30 starting at Stewart Park is a Walk A Bout with city staff to discuss pedestrian safety on 24th, 26th, and 28th St. Soren, the Exec Director of the Midtown Greenway has been working with City staff Mike Samuelson. Crystal Myslajek, a Phillips Resident is helping to get the word out. MPNAI had it in the October Newsletter and on the website, Facebook and an email blast.

Tuesday, October 26th Community Meeting is set on proposed developments - 2600 Bloomington and 3 properties with proposals by DJR Architects. Flyer done and in newsletter. Flyer will be posted on Facebook and emailed; impacted blocks will be notified. Jamie expressed concern for existing residents. Where will they go? Will they be relocated? Will there be funding to relocate them? All good questions for the upcoming meeting. The meeting will be virtual from 6:30-8:00 pm with ZOOM link on the website.

Donna raised a question about speed humps. The city took off the moratorium at the Council meeting last Friday. They want speed bumps for their block. A requirement if for Midtown Phillips Neighborhood to approve the application.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at: 8:15 p.m.

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### Equitable Engagement Budget 2022

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Equitable Engagement Fund (MPNAI max allocation)	43,513
Transfer from Community Participation Program or Neighborhood Network Fund (tbd @ year end)	14,487
<b>Total income</b>	<b>58,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Contractors/Newsletter, Bookkeeper, Website	10,000
Outreach Partnerships 4@\$10,000 each	40,000
Project expense (specify)	
- City of Minneapolis (Clean Sweep)	1,000
- Sound System (Midtown Festival & Events)	3,000
- Communications	2,500

- Office Supplies	1,500
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>58,000</b>
<b>Total for contract:</b>	

**Budget narrative**

4 partnerships in 2022 could be:

- American Indian CDC (this request came out of our meetings on 2022 projects & 1 community meeting)
- Banyan Community
- Semilla Center for the Arts
- New American Youth Soccer Club

CPP money which remains will be rolled over to this new contract. These funds could add additional \$ for partnerships or if MPNAI wanted to do more Art on utility boxes with neighborhood youth groups.