

MPNAI Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Boardmembers present: Joe Golish, Beth Hart, Donna Neste, Jana Metge, Rand Retterath, Miriam Maples, and Mohamed Cali.

Boardmembers absent: Sunshine Sevigny

I. Meeting was called to Order by President Joe Golish.

II. Everyone introduced themselves

III. Motion: That March and April Board Minutes be approved by consensus. Rand/Miriam. M/S/1 abstention  
- Beth Hart. Board minutes approved.

Motion: That the May Board Agenda be approved as amended. Beth/Donna. M/S/C. Approved Unanimously.

IV. Meeting Guidelines

Joe reviewed suggestions for Board Meeting guidelines.

Suggestions were:

- Be Welcoming; Welcome guests
- Be Respectful
- Have constructive conversation
- For Board meetings have a 15 minute Public Comment agenda item at the end of agenda. There is a monthly Community meeting in the 4th Tuesday of each month.

V. Open Board Seats

-District 1 Representative, 24th-26th St & Chicago to 12th Avenue (Two-year term, 2019-2021)

-District 2 Representative, 24th-26th St & 12th Avenue to Bloomington (One-year term - 2020)

-District 5 Representative, 28th-Lake St & Chicago to 12th Avenue (Two-year term, 2019-2021)

The board discussed Outreach Strategies:

- Boardmembers knowing someone and recruiting in
- Work with Outreach Partners for referrals, especially Banyan
- Keep in mind diversity of Neighborhood and having diversity represented on the Board.
- Build Committees & Projects and opportunities for folks to get involved and recruit from there.

Midtown Phillips statistics were reviewed:

38% Black  
29% Latino  
29% Caucasian  
3% Asian

VI. Officer Elections

Motion: To elect Beth Hart as MPNAI Treasurer.  
M/S/C. Approved Unanimously. Beth accepted

Motion: To elect Miriam Maples as MPNAI Secretary.  
M/S/C. Approved Unanimously. Miriam accepted.

Motion: To elect Jana Metge as MPNAI Vice President  
M/S/C. Approved Unanimously. Miriam accepted.

#### VI. Formation of workgroups

Events: Jana reported that she has been chair of Events Committee since 2012. But, each Event has its own process.

-Phillips Clean Sweep will be in its 18th year in 2019. Planning starts the week after National Night Out and meets weekly, in the morning, at Maria's. Planning Team has a rep from each of the 4 Phillips Neighborhoods, Outreach partners, City staff, and several residents. Each team member has an assignment - takes it and runs with it - ex. TShirts, Breakfast, Lunch, Volunteer Assignments for Litter Pick up, Resource Fair.

-National Night Out block parties - This was integrated into the Outreach Partnership we developed with Banyan 5 years ago. They coordinate it now.

-Midtown Phillips Festival at Lake Street Open Streets; this Event started in 2011 and was held at Stewart Park up until 2 years ago. Then we merged with Lake Street Open Streets and adopt an area to program. The Planning Team is operates like Clean Sweep. Each member takes on particular tasks and reports back. The 2019 Event is Sunday, June 21 from 11-5 pm with set up starting at 10 am. We have a stage with music, food trucks, partners and organizations set up activities. Everyone one involved with Phillips Zone is from Phillips - Food Trucks - Musicians - Sound Tech & Sound System - Resource/Info/Activity booths in the area. New American Youth Soccer Club and Circle of Discipline (boxing) will both set up and do Exhibitions.

Executive: Joseph reported that he wants to have monthly Executive meetings to set agendas and work on Administrative topics like future staffing for MPNAI. Board briefly discussed staffing ideas. Decided to look at developing a Short Term Scope for a summer Independent Contractor(s) with 3-4 Scope of Service Items. Long term will be assessing whether MPNAI will hire a staff or find a fiscal partner again like we had with PPL. We would need to create Personnel Policies, get Workers Comp Insurance, set up a Personnel Committee and set up with a Payroll company should we decide to take this on. Executive Committee will work on a draft Scope to present at the June board meeting.

Safety: Rand requested that MPNAI set up a safety committee. He suggested that this effort include Midtown, East, and West Phillips as well as Central Neighborhood. He'd like to see a collaborative and get focus, resources, and change along Lake Street and Midtown Greenway.

#### VII. MPNAI Financial Report

Beth put forward the following motion:

Motion: That MPNAI approve the January, February, and March Financial Reports as circulated electronically.

M/S/C. Passed Unanimously

#### Midtown Festival:

Jana reported that we have to raise funds to hire musicians. We can charge Sound System & Tech to the CPP contract. Bethlehem Baptist donates and sets up/tears down Tents, Tables, Chairs, Stage. Saves us thousands of dollars! Donna will raise funds from Thrivent. As a member she can get \$250. Sunny offered to do a GIVEMN fundraising effort and Peter Eichten agreed to write a proposal to Allina. Jana connected with Candice Wasington who runs the funding from Allina.

#### Check Signers:

Jana reported that she and Sunny are Check signers and would be happy to stay on. It's usually the Treasurer and President as Check Signers and/or Executive Committee.

Motion: To add Joseph Golish, Beth Hart, and Miriam Maples to existing check signers.

M/S/C. Unanimously approved.

#### NCEC Elections:

Midtown Phillips needs to appoint an Elector and an Alternate. They would attend the citywide Election in July and cast one vote for a NCEC Commissioner for our District.

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc selected Miriam Maples to be the Elector and Beth Hart as the Alternate for the July 17th NCEC Elections. Supported by consensus. They will vote for the NCEC Commissioner who will serve our District. Peter Eichten is presently our Commissioner.

Jana reported that the Bank needs us to fill out new paperwork, but it is the same paperwork as required for adding check signers. She met with the bank and they extended the date due for paperwork until after the next Board Meeting - May 20th.

New Business:

2635 12th Ave So - proposal to build a duplex goes to a Public Hearing on May 23rd in Room 317/City Hall @ 4:30 pm.

Joe is organizing a Bbque for the June Community meeting on the CEPRO site - Tuesday, June 25 from 6:30-8:00 pm

May Community Meeting is Tuesday, May 28th from 6:30-8:00 pm at Stewart Park. Habitat for Hunanity will present on houses and designs that they are building in the neighborhood. Reuter Walton Development also has a proposal for 29th St between 11th-12th Avenue South.

Midtown Phillips Festival at Lake Street Open Streets.

Jana reported that logistics are set, anyone welcome to be on the Planning Team and we will need Volunteers day of Event - Sunday, July 21 from 11-5 pm with set up from 11-Noon and tear down from 5-6 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, JLM