

NIEBNA Community Meeting + Board Meeting

6:30 – 8:00pm, March 17, 2022 via Zoom

APPROVED

Board Members Present: Carole Merrill (President), Sarah Woessner (Vice-President), Lisa Hondros (Treasurer), Barry Clegg, Craig Beddow, John Larkey, Kyle Watkins, Michael Andrus, Scott Parkin, Andy Nagle, Roberta Swanson, Jeffrey Meehan

Board Members Absent: Leslie LeMair (Secretary), Denise Holt, Bret Kistner.

Others Present: Michael Rainville (City Councilmember – Ward 3), Michael Jon Olson (NIEBNA Coordinator), Alisa Matheson (NIEBNA Communication & Outreach Coordinator)

Community Meeting

The community meeting started a little after 6:30pm.

Ward 3 Report. CM Rainville reported on:

- *Two-Way Streets.* CM Rainville has had discussions with various agencies regarding reintroducing two-way traffic on Hennepin and First and he believes this issue can be addressed by getting additional funds into the budget for the upcoming project.
- *Metro Bus Stop Relocation.* CM Rainville believes the stop should be moved to a more appropriate location and is working to address this.
- *CPP Rollover Funds.* CM Rainville is seeking an extension for use of the funds.

Crime & Safety Report. Jeffrey reported that the 2nd Precinct has the lowest crime rate in Minneapolis and that there has been a decrease in crime in many crime categories this year as compared to last.

Redistricting Report. Barry Clegg, Chair of the Minneapolis Charter Commission, reported that the final maps for city council ward boundaries and park district boundaries were approved by the Charter Commission on March 3. The neighborhood remains in Ward 3, but will be in Park District 4 (instead of Park District 1).

I-35 Gateway. Aaron Tag and John Griffith from MnDOT presented on the I-35 Gateway Project (see <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35w-north-gateway/>). Board members noted some safety concerns in the project area and suggested some potential mitigation strategies.

The Falls Initiative. Amanda Wigin, Communications Director at Friends of the Fall, presented an update on The Fall Initiative (learn more at: <https://thefalls.org/>).

The community meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

The board meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30pm.

Actions

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The financial report was approved.

Moved and seconded: *To approve the final draft of the NIEBNA Work Plan for 2022.* Passed unanimously.

Discussions

Aryca Myers from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations joined the board meeting to provide clarity on the potential uses of CPP roll-over funds. She didn't.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Michael Jon Olson