

## **NIEBNA Board Meeting Minutes**

5:00 – 6:30pm, January 20, 2022

**APPROVED**

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

**Others Present:** Michael Jon Olson (NIEBNA Coordinator), Michael Rainville (City Councilmember – Ward 3), Henry Jarvinen (Ward 3 Policy Aide)

### **Preliminaries**

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. Quorum was verified.

The agenda was approved.

The Secretary's report from the November 18, 2021 NIEBNA Board of Directors meeting was approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

### **Reports & Presentations**

**Ward 3 Report.** CM Rainville introduced himself and his staff and:

- Invited board members to a Zoom meeting on January 21 regarding the Hennepin and First NE project and expressed his support for a return to two-way traffic on Hennepin and First in conjunction with the project.
- Expressed his support for getting neighborhood organizations a one-year extension on the deadline for expending unused CPP funds. NIEBNA has over \$90,000 in unused CPP funds that currently must be used by the end of 2022, which is unrealistic.

**Overview of NIEBNA Financial Situation.** Michael Jon and Lisa provided an overview of financial resources available to NIEBNA:

- \$50 in unspent NRP Phase I funds. Sadly, a Plan Mod is needed to move this little bit of money.
- \$114,359 in unspent NRP Phase II funds. Of this, \$98,000 is in the Affordable Housing Support strategy. These are funds that were loaned out to Propel and have since been repaid with interest.
- Other Phase II funds are sitting various strategies (e.g. small area plan implementation, transportation infrastructure, policing) but are not yet spent or contracted. These are all monies that are in a plan for a specific strategy, but not yet spent.
- Over \$90,000 in unspent CPP/NRP Phase III funds. Currently these funds must be spent by the end of 2022. These funds must be spend on outreach, with a particular emphasis on equitable engagement activities.

## **Actions**

Moved and Seconded: *That the Nicollet Island East Bank Neighborhood Association (NIEBNA) Board of Directors supports improvements to East Hennepin Avenue and First Avenue NE that would convert both streets back to two-way traffic, preserve parking, and create bike lanes.*

Passed.

## **Discussions**

Work Plan for 2022. Michael Jon presented a draft Work Plan for 2022, focused on actionable items that the organization can accomplish in 2022. The action items are grouped into: Organizational Development, Community Engagement, and Community Infrastructure.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

*Minutes prepared by Leslie LeMair and Michael Jon Olson*