

## **NIEBNA Board Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**

5:00 – 6:30pm, May 19, 2022 via Zoom

### **Attendance**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Brett Kistner.

**Others Present:** Michael Rainville (City Councilmember – Ward 3), Henry Jarvin (Policy Aide - Ward 3), Michael Jon Olson (NIEBNA Coordinator), Alisa Matheson (NIEBNA Communication & Outreach Coordinator), Craig Beddow (community member).

### **Preliminaries**

Meeting was called to order and quorum was confirmed at 5:05.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved

The financial report was approved.

### **Reports & Presentations**

**President.** Carole reported that Craig Beddow had resigned from the board and that his seat would be filled at the June meeting. Those interested in filling the seat should contact Carole and/or Michael Jon.

**Ward 3 Report.** CM Rainville reported on various initiatives.

**Communications & Outreach.** Alisa updated the board on the status of the community survey and the Building Ambassador program.

### **Actions**

Moved and Seconded: *To approve the 2020-2021 Community Participation Program close-out report as prepared and submitted.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To authorize using \$1,500 of the remaining \$3,000 in NRP Phase II Safety & Livability Strategy 6.1 - Policing Efforts for Keep the Beat activities during Summer 2022.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve the Building History Plaque Project as presented by Scott Parkin at the April board meeting; to use up to \$17,245 of NIEBNA NRP funds to pay for the project; and to initiate an NRP Plan modification to reallocate \$17,245 from NRP Phase II Housing & Economic Development Strategy 1.1 - Affordable Housing to NRP Phase II Safety & Livability Strategy 7.2 - Historic Preservation Efforts.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve allocating up to \$5,000 of NIEBNA NRP funds to fund the repair and/or replacement of the stairs at the north tip of Nicollet Island near the path and bridge to Boom Island and to initiate an NRP Plan modification to reallocate \$5,000 from NRP Phase II Housing & Economic Development Strategy 1.1 - Affordable Housing to NRP Phase II Parks & Environment Strategy 3.1 Park Master Plan Implementation.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and Seconded (as amended): *To approve using up to \$1,350 of NIEBNA Equitable Engagement Funds for a "pop-up" community engagement initiative with the following details:*

- *A rotating pop-up community engagement table placed at various high traffic spots in the neighborhood to provide information about NIEBNA activities, recruit volunteers, provide information about public safety and crime prevention strategies, etc. (Some treats will be available to entice folks to visit the table.)*
- *One weekday each week during June for 3 hours each afternoon (a total of 5 afternoons; 15 total hours), staffed by a NIEBNA volunteer and an MPD Officer.*
- *The MPD Officer will spend 2 1/2 hours at the pop-up table, followed by a 30-minute foot patrol throughout the immediate neighborhood to increase daytime law enforcement visibility.*
- *Budget details: \$1,350 for 15 hours of Police Officer time (based on an estimate of \$90/hour).*

Passed unanimously.

## **Discussions**

**Utility Box Project.** Scott outlined some options for wrapping utility boxes in the area.

*Minutes prepared by Michael Jon Olson*