

NIEBNA Board + Community Meeting Minutes - **APPROVED**

5:00 – 6:30, October 20, 2022 via Zoom

Attendance

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

Board Members Absent: Andrew Nagle.

Others Present: Ryan Herm (Urban Ecosystems), Samuel Geer (Urban Ecosystems), Tom Rose (resident), Michael Jon Olson (NIEBNA Coordinator), Alisa Matheson (NIEBNA Communication & Outreach Coordinator).

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order and a quorum was confirmed.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved

The financial report was approved.

Reports

Board Candidates. Alisa provided an overview of the applications for the board received to date.

Ad Hoc Coordinator Search Committee. John reported that the committee had interviewed the two top candidates and had identified Brenda Delany as the preferred recommended candidate. John will be in touch with Brenda about next steps in the process.

Urban Design Visions Proposal. Brett, Ryan, and Samuel presented the Urban Design Vision proposal as developed and revised by Urban Ecosystems.

Actions

Moved and Seconded: *To accept the Urban Design Vision proposal as developed and revised by Urban Ecosystems and to contract with Urban Ecosystems to implement the Urban Design Vision with the following understandings:*

1) that the 9 community engagement sessions, while open to all, will focus on the renter population in the neighborhood (e.g. community engagement sessions will be held in rental

buildings and there will be specific outreach to renters via flyering in rental buildings, renter-focused social media posts, etc.);

2) that the Urban Design Vision community engagement work will be a central part of NIEBNA's Equitable Engagement Plan for 2023;

3) that NIEBNA will use rollover Equitable Engagement Funds to pay for this work;

4) that final execution of a contract with Urban Ecosystems is contingent on approval of the City of Minneapolis, Department of Neighborhood & Community Engagement and the City of Minneapolis, Finance and Property Services Department - Development Finance Division.

Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve the Neighborhood Network Fund and Equitable Engagement Fund Application.* Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Moved and Seconded: *To approve letters of support for the Friends of the Mississippi River grant applications to MWMO and Hennepin County to help fund continued maintenance of habitat restoration on Nicollet Island.* Passed on unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Michael Jon Olson