

Columbia Park Draft Meeting Minutes for Monday November 21, 2016

Board Members: Vickie Jensen, Jane McCarney, Mike Melman, Irro Mohamed, Yusuf Mohamed, and Jeff Schalles

Other: Staff: Liz Wielinski, Dan Karst, Pat Vogel NCEC, Kristin Petersen, Marcus Mills NCEC stopped by toward the end and then Nils Jensen dropped in at the last minute.

6:33 - Called to Order by Jane

- Approval of the Agenda moved by Yusuf, 2nd Vickie, approved
- Approval the Minutes of October 17, 2016 moved by Mike, 2nd Jeff, approved
- Treasurer's Report- Receive and File moved by Jeff, 2nd Yusuf, approved

6:39- General Meeting

- Old Business

Kristin Petersen with an *update about the St Anthony Parkway Bridge* (Kristin lives in Northeast Park)

Kristin brought a time lapse video of the last piece of the bridge being removed. No one was injured, no trains were stopped. Is the project still on its timeline? Yes. The new bridge is in Gary, Indiana, was test assembled and looks good. The abutment on the east side is done, the west side is still under construction, California ST has been rebuilt, as was Main ST. The pieces of the new bridge will be arriving soon and will be assembled on the west side of the bridge. There will be a big ribbon cutting when the bridge is completed in late 2017. The bids were received on the plaza but Kristin could not remember the winning bidder. Kristin shared the article in the Hennepin history journal, their June/July 2016 issue which was part of the mitigation requirements for removing our historic bridge. Do not go past the fence because there have already had trespassing arrests.

Pat Vogel from the *NCEC quarterly visit* (Pat lives in Logan Park)

NCEC does advisory things for the NCR department. The city is divided into 8 districts, Marcus Mills is the district 4 rep, Pat is one of the 8 appointed members, from the city council. The current priority with the NCEC is that the current funding stream for the neighborhood organizations (TIF money) ends in 2019 and new funding would need to come from somewhere else. The total budget for the NCR department and neighborhoods is about \$6 million per year. Currently there are quite a few people on the City Council that were not here during the heyday of NRP and do not understand the value of the neighborhood organizations.

We, the neighborhoods, have to make a case for getting funding from the general fund for our neighborhoods (this is where the TIF money will roll into in 2020). The NCR department will be trained along with interested neighborhoods in the “art of hosting”. The NCR department will then work with those trained to have big meetings in 5 areas throughout Minneapolis. Neighbors and elected officials will be invited to share their thoughts and opinions. The NCR department is also trying to get together a catalog of sorts showing the great work done over the years. Marcus plans to attend in February with a progress report.

Look at draft policies for the new NCR guidelines, and vote to approve if acceptable

- Grievance procedure,
- Conflict of interest policy and procedure,
- Equal Opportunity Employment (EOE) or Affirmative Action (AA) plan and policy, and
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) plan and policy
- Financial policies and procedures,
- Personnel policy and job descriptions (if the organization has paid staff)

Motion to approve the 6 policies by Yusuf, 2nd by Mike, approved

Recovery House change at 524 37th AV NE. The owners have approached the city, asking to become a single family home for the residents to all live together in a supportive environment

Raingardens in 2017

2 neighbors showed interest, Liz will check with Metro Blooms to see if they have the ability to do that low of a number.

Renewal of staff contract

Vickie moved a raise of \$5 an hour for Liz and another year’s contract, 2nd by Mike, approved

– New Business

Adding a public comment period to the board/general meetings.

The board agreed to add this and would also like Liz to work on getting our meetings under the announcements at the Northeast.

– Announcements/ Communications

Jeff attended the latest SAAC meeting Kevin Reich's office held. There was discussion of the progress on the remediation. Then the fire chief and city emergency preparedness person gave more info on the oil trains. The group would like Jeff to continue to represent CPNA and attend the meetings on our behalf to keep us abreast of the goings on at the site. Jane, Jeff and Vickie think we should approach NEMAA about creating a bricks and mortar art site at the site.

American Craft Council Library Open House and Craft Sale

Saturday, December 3, 10 am — 5 pm
American Craft Council Library, 1224 Marshall Street NE, Suite 200

The American Craft Council invites you to join them in the ACC Library for a festive holiday celebration featuring exhibits, programs, interactive activities and works for sale by several of their favorite local makers. Visit our website or follow us on social media for more details this fall. The Library Salon Series is free and open to the public; however, space is limited. For more information: [\(612\) 206-3100](tel:6122063100) or library@craftcouncil.org.

1850s Holiday Party

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 – 3:30 pm
Ard Godfrey House, in Chute Square Park at corner of University and Central
Enjoy light refreshments, musical entertainment and guided tours of the oldest remaining wood frame residence in Minneapolis, built in 1849. The home will be decorated for the holidays in the modest style of the era, and the Woman's Club guides will be dressed in period costume. See how the Godfrey family might have celebrated the holidays in the new community at St. Anthony Falls. Children are welcome and will receive free Godfrey House buttons. Admission is free (but donations are suggested and welcome). No reservations required. Sponsored by the Woman's Club of Minneapolis. For more information or to arrange group tours: [612-781-8791](tel:6127818791) or <http://www.womansclub.org/club/scripts/section/section.asp?NS=AGH>.

Holiday Train

Bringing the community together for a night of holiday lights, entertainment, and family fun to support the East Side food shelves. Enjoy a night of live musical entertainment by Kelly Prescott and Colin James, kid's activities, and refreshments. Bring a cash or healthy non-perishable food donation to the Holiday Train event. This event is free and open to the community.

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM at Lions Park on 37th Avenue NE between 37th Avenue NE and Stinson Boulevard. Holiday Train will arrive at 7:00 PM. Don't Miss the Train!

REMINDER: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

See you in 2017 on Monday January 23, 2017

Marcus added that he would like to have a Crime and Safety meeting for the NCEC Crime and Safety Task Force with the point people of the neighborhoods. He also mentioned again the possible merging of the NRP and NCEC Boards. Marcus will contact the neighborhood email to get the word out. He also mentioned that the Minnesota Council of non-Profits has a quick file to becoming a 501c3

8:34 – Adjourn moved by Mike, 2nd Jeff, approved

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