

Monday, January 9, 2017.

MNA Board Business Meeting Minutes

Attending: Benjamin Kerensa (Chair), Elaine Hakala, Jane Lawson, Jennifer Tamayo, Jennie Shaver, Nick Mira, Michael Sonleitner, Justine Scannell (taking Minutes – which needed a listing of those attending to be approved). Quorum achieved: 8/8.

NOTE: 2 MNA Board members have resigned: Victoria Swink & Paula Funatake

6:30 Benjamin Kerensa reinstated as board president (after having resigned the week before due to his concerns about news reporters inquiring into his past criminal record). Reinstatement approved unanimously.

6:39 consent agenda

Review of minutes of emergency meeting

Minutes approved unanimously

6:43 Events Calendar Discussion/Brainstorm

Jan 22 emergency meeting to be called by Benjamin at Karma cafe 1-2 pm; Housing and homeless committee will do feeding near 82nd max stop Sunday Jan 15 2017 at noon

6:47 Ground Rules presentation by Benjamin Kerensa, defending his view that it is the duty of the Chair to set the ground rules for meetings – which needs no Board approval. Benjamin claims that this is common practice consistent with ONI standards and how SEUL operates.

Benjamin's Ground Rules:

- 1) Be respectful
- 2) Guest members are allowed to provide feedback when acknowledged by chair
- 3) Disrespectful and disruptive members can be removed from meeting

Open discussion

Michael is concerned about how they are worded and is not opposed to having them in general. Benjamin claims that first amendment rights do not apply to a private group like MNA.

Michael disagrees, is very concerned about any Chair granting him/herself the authority to decide on their own what “disrespectful” and “disruptive” is, and wonders (in a practical sense) how “removal from a meeting” would be accomplished.

Benjamin believes in different levels of response, with calling the police as a last resort.

Michael is concerned about the potential for bad publicity (in the very least) and a high potential for lawsuits against MNA if enforcement of Rules escalate to using physical force.

Michael wants more feedback from members of the board.

7:15 Nick Mira presents pedestrian upgrades on *82nd street and Taylor

Unanimous passing of endorsing letter for pedestrian upgrades

Meeting adjourned 7:29