

MNA Special Meeting Minutes 12/18/2014

Location: Montavilla Methodist Church

Board Members present – Fritz Hirsch, Lew Scholl, Ben Kerensa, Jennie Shaver, Peter Maris, Devin Arthurs

Fritz called the meeting to begin at 732PM

First agenda item up for discussion:

(applause for Devin)

Executive Committee Proposal – Fritz leads – might call it administrative committee meeting – 3-5 people possibly – certain positions may be necessary – need to vote to put in place – purpose would be to decide on administrative issues – useful to fine tune processes/keep administrative issues from taking up limited time at regularly monthly board meetings – meetings to take place between regular board meetings – membership could be open to non-board members – Peter supports the idea as part of EC for SE Uplift – discussion regarding whether executive committee has executive authority and what that means – determining what the committee can do and how to grant authority and what that looks like – discussion regarding the amount of people necessary to make the committee representative vs efficient – summary: EC min of 5 member/3 being elected BM – would follow ONI standards of announcement of meeting, minutes taken, public meeting, quorum required – membership of EC would be voted on by the board – full or quorum – ben makes move that the board create an EC, following summary above – to perform the tasks outlined in this meeting's agenda – fritz moves to amend the motion: the non-elected BM members of the EC must be NA members; also to change the name of the EC to Steering Committee – fritz moves to vote, peter seconds, vote passes with one abstention. Ben brings up voting on appointing members to the committee at this meeting – ben moves to appoint himself and Jennie to the steering committee – peter seconds – vote passes unanimously.

MNA Budget – summary of budget handout provided – Jennie submits a budget proposal item: Montavilla Directory. - a directory resource for local businesses – Fritz has provided account statements for the MNA bank accounts – Lew recalls how previous budgets have been planned, and whether utilizing today's account balance, or current revenues as a yardstick is the best practice – numbers discussed regarding current revenue totals and sources – Fritz brings up the fact that our current budget proposal creates certain limiting factors with regard to utilizing current revenue as a budget. Ben recommending voting on proposal items individually – Fritz brings up voting on budget as a whole, with adjustments made to individual items to meet budget constraints – Ben mentions moving to a grants process for the monies given to parties that have received money from MNA outside of the budget process – Discussion continues regarding individual budget items -

Result of discussion:

Budget items adjusted to:

JOIN Street Cleanup – \$600

Community Grants – \$1000

Administrative Costs – \$150

Berrydale Concerts – \$250

Lew moved to vote to pass the budget, Ben seconds, vote passes unanimously.

Fritz proposes to postpone communications budget discussion

Member Tamara Lynne from Living Stages proposal for SEUL Grant.

Living Stages does social justice theatre – working on a play called stop at the stop – focus on making sure that the community is engaged in the community – proposing to partner to apply for SEUL neighborhood grant – 3 performances and 3 workshops – wants to partner with MNA on 1 performance and 1 workshop – asking for endorsement on the grant/willing to co-host a performance/coordinate the site of the performance/promotion/board members present – gain engagement from underrepresented community groups in the neighborhood, and hearing from different and often unheard perspectives – Lew wants clarification on workshop – when LS determines the topic of the performance, community workshops are put in place to gain personal stories from the neighborhood/or are afterwards to facilitate discussion around the topics presented – timeframe for workshop/performance is with a break of withing a month – Ben asking for permission to report and photograph on the performance – Tamara agrees – Fritz confirms that Tamara is asking for a written letter of endorsement – Lew interested in being a liaison – Lew moves that we continue to support LS, Peter seconds, vote passes unanimously.

Bylaws – Ben presents – ONI has reviewed bylaws and has found ambiguity in current language of our bylaws – comprehensive review and revision is needed – Ben suggesting assigning someone to perform the work officially – suggesting having steering committee look at changes required and to make the changes required and provide to the board to vote on by February, 2015 – Ben moves that himself, Lew, and Peter be tasked with porting the new requirements to existing bylaws, and bring any new amendments to the board for a vote February, 2015 – Fritz concerned regarding it being a very important set of documents for a rush job – Lew suggesting moving forward, but without setting a hard deadline, to avoid making mistakes – Ben moves that Lew, Ben, Peter, Jennie, and Fritz be tasked with reviewing ONI's new bylaw standards and porting said standards and making additional amendments and presenting proposed bylaw amendments at a future board meeting, Lew seconds, vote passes unanimously.

Fritz calls to adjourn at 950PM.