

MNA Board Meeting Minutes 01/12/2015

Board Members Present: Fritz, Lew, Benjamin, Jennie, Kaila, Devin, Michael, Joanna, Mai

Called to order by Fritz at 632 PM

First order: review minutes from December special meeting – discussion relating how we specified how the steering committee will be composed – consensus was minimum 5 members 3 of which must be board members – arguments being made for smaller committee – decision to change minimum steering committee membership to be finalized later in meeting – slight change to wording on agenda item 4 specifying Lew supports letter of support for LS – Michael moves to approve, Lew second vote passes unanimously

Mai finance report – current balance \$3,337.67 in MNA account – savings account balance, \$2,670.57 – SE Uplift Friends of Wilcox account balance \$1,476.00 – Montavilla Jazz Festival \$1,298.09 – \$1,000 in Childcare Music – Berrydale park concerts \$284.85 - Joanna asks about Fred Meyer cash rewards donation timeframe for deposits – ben believes it is monthly – fritz recommending Mai to get in touch with FM to stay on top of the checks

Review of decisions made at special meeting – back to steering committee minimum membership and powers for the steering committee – Lew questions whether if 5 board members are meeting as the SC is a conflict due to having a quorum of board members – Ben and Fritz counter to the point that the SC will be advertised to the public and that the purpose of any SC meetings are only to make decisions on topics that the SC has authority over – Fritz recommends that the setup of the SC is to be a minimum of 3 members, which must be board members, and maximum number of members in SC is to be 5, with the 2 other members being general members only. Ben moves that we amend the motion from the special meeting to adjust minimum requirements based on the statement above – purpose of steering committee is to research topics and provide recommendations to the full board and make purchase decisions under 100 dollars for administrative items, jennie seconds, all in favor, vote passes.

Lew – support for living stages update – LS decided not to apply for grant because they were unlikely to get a significant sum due to previous year's grant -

Guests – Leslie and Brian – moved here a few weeks ago – Welcome! - heard about meeting through the Facebook page -

Review of our passage of budget – reminder that we generalize our grant process – ben plans to bring grant application process to board next meeting – amendments can be made on the fly – discussion over communications budget – joanna asking if anyone has ideas for items for communication budget to send to communications committee – joanna to send email – joanna also asked Kelly for ideas for communication funds - \$1400 in comm budget

Ben recapping Bylaws rewrite – ben to go through and port the details of the NA to the new ONI template – Lew to review and provide feedback – and Ben, Lew, Jennie, and Fritz to polish and present to board – expecting late spring or summer for completion – final approval of bylaws must be accomplished by general membership.

Ben drafted a letter to PPD Traffic – side street speeding concerns – neighbors are concerned about the speeding and lack of enforcement on residential streets – michael moves to approve, joanna seconds, vote passes unanimously.

Discussion over the year ahead – what events are we doing – what issues do we foresee – what items of interest will we see from the community members – Lew and Joanna bring up Plug into Montavilla plan – input received from that activity could still be valuable and could be something to continue supporting in the new year – lew recommending being more involved with METBA – possibly with their street fair – joanna propose that we plan earlier for social events – Jennie proposing meet and greet with the community and board members – Ben recommending a quarterly coffee hour – Recycling event – community cleanup including shredding – National Night Out? Ben wants to do it bigger this year, bouncyhouse? - Michael foreseeing the city offering a forum for the street fee – Lew interested in facilitating a local forum – Fritz mentioning structuring would be key

Joanne moves to adjourn at 729PM, Michael seconds – meeting adjourned

