

West Calhoun Neighborhood Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bakken Museum

Date: Aug 6, 2019

Called to order: 6:00pm

Presided by: Allan Campbell, Chair

Note taker: Molly Fleming

In attendance: Allan Campbell, Richard Logan, John Bordwell, Lynette Davis, Victoria Hoshal, David Stougaard, Jeff Idelkope, Paul Legler, Martha Yunker, Michael Sanders

Absent: Kate Redden

Announcements:

- No meeting in September due to Labor Day weekend.
- Martha Yunker brought forward a proposal to make an area of single family homes around 32nd, Zenith and Ivy Lane a conservation district. This would cover about 26 homes in total. Yunker reported that she has been working with Meg Forney on this project, and that the Planning Commission has recommended it to go forward. The public hearing where this proposal will be discussed will take place on Aug 13th at 4:30 in the City Council chambers. Yunker stated that this proposal is in response to this area being designated as Transit 10 in the 2040 Plan. **The board passed a motion to write a letter in support of this proposal, with Yunker to draft the letter.**

Approval of June minutes - Minutes shared via email

- **Approved**

Treasurer Report - Report distributed at meeting

- Business as usual. WCNC is in a good financial position.

Safety Updates

- The board discussed the responses to some safety questions by Councilmember Palmisano's staff that were raised after the Safety Walk. On the whole, the board would like more depth and clarity than what was given. **Allan Campbell will reach back out to CM Palmisano and Commissioner Greene and request more information.**

Greenspace

- Martha Yunker reported that she had met with the Audubon Society and Minnesota Native Landscapes (MNL). MNL gave a \$2500 proposal for seeding the area with native pollinator plants. This plan is not necessarily specific to birds, so the board may decide to go a different route. **Yunker will continue working with the MPRB to get approval for a project in the greenspace in question.**

Environment

- Lynette Davis has been in contact with the Tree Trust to set up a meeting to walk the neighborhood and discuss possible sites for buckthorn removal projects. After the walk, the Tree Trust will give a proposal for the work.

Communications, Outreach and Events Updates

- The Community Meeting at the Be on 7/24 went well, and some new renters from the Be attended and were added to the email list. 6 surveys also came back.
- On the topic of the name of the neighborhood, because the surveys that have been returned show an almost even split between changing the name and not changing, **the board favors not taking any action on the topic until the name of Bde Maka Ska is officially settled by the state Supreme Court.** Once settled, the board will take a vote at the meeting following that decision and if the board votes in favor of a name change it will send a letter to that effect to the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department.

Note: Neighborhood Organizations do not have the sole power to change the names of neighborhoods themselves. They can simply request a change in a letter to the City's NCR Department . Only the City Council has the power to change the name of a neighborhood.

- Movie night might have to be cancelled due to the conditions of the park where it is being held. The MPRB will have the final say on this matter.

Land Use

- The 49-unit apartment building on West 31st Street was approved by the Planning Commission with 45 parking stalls, consistent with the recommendation of the Land Use Committee.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 7:25

Submitted by: Molly Fleming