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HDC Board Meeting October 3rd, 2019 Highland Park Community Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order 7:01

Grid 4 Election: Dana Tastad-Damer, 580 Brimhall Street, came forward as a candidate for grid 4 board member. Unanimously elected. Dana was seated on the board.

Roll Call

Directors present: Kevin Gallatin, Tom Romens, Lynn Varco, Susan Duffy, Jim Winterer, Matt McGuire, Anne Langford, Paul Langenfeld, Howard Miller, Tim Morehead, Michelle Doyle

Absent:

Nate Hurse, Gary Martland and Sally Bauer excused.

Executive Director Carruth

Approval of Agenda

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve October 3rd, 2019 minutes.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve September 5th, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion of Equity Plan:

Recommended to add sexual and gender identity, religious, and other protected classes (ie: marital status).

Under item 2, last bullet point, add considering “amending”.

Under Our Values, add **“Many communities, One neighborhood”**.

Kevin asked about accountability and revisiting, or take steps to, this Equity Plan in the future. We should make a commit to come back to this and incorporate in to what came out of the Board Retreat. Need to look at data-based and measurable components. Kevin suggested to make sure this is a governing document and the evaluation process includes SMART components.

After posting to public, send any public comments to CEC for their review to incorporate.

Referred to the Community Engagement Committee.

Public Comment:

Three high school students were present as part of their Government class. They asked about the goal of the Equity Plan. Michelle Doyle explained the basic tenants of the plan as it relates to our Community. Matt discussed accountability vs. sustainability.

City Council Report

Melanie McMahon, City Council Member Tolbert’s Aide



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NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Treasurer's Report: ATTACHED

Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Executive Director's Report: ATTACHED

Website meeting

Dept. Safety Inspection meeting

Filed annual registration

Drop Off went well. 950 truck-loads/cars went through.

Ryan Co, plan application in. Numbering of lots changed to match MN Statute.

Ford documentary is up for Mid-West regional emmy award.

Deerhunt, bow hunt, at Crosby Park to thin out the deer herd.

Snelling Ave median.

MNDOT has a big project for Hwy 5 from bridge to 34th street in to 2020.

Invited by USDOT to sit on committee for federal projects. Mat and Kathy volunteered.

CEC on October 21 at 7pm. October 26 Trick or Treat in the Village. 10-2pm.

January 2 will be NO BOARD MEETING. Meeting will be January 9th, 2020.

Two opportunities to volunteer will be in the volunteer sign-up sheet.

EXEC BOARD MEETING WILL BE December 4th, 2019. Location:TBD

Executive Committee Report, Howard Miller (President).

Area C, Friends of the Mississippi, canvassing and looking for volunteers for October 5.

Howard and Paul did a radio show about community councils.

Components: technology to identify the needs of each grid.

Board Retreat: need to focus on specifics. How to make changes, when, measure, etc.

Think in terms of grids, rather than Highland Park. Focus on getting community members from under-represented grids.

An annual meeting task force was formed to collect data, look at the demographics of the grids and to look at the Annual Meeting as a whole.

HOWARD, MICHELLE, TOM AND JIM. Three meetings total.

Tool Kit for referral services: what are all the services in community and direct residents to them.

Put on website. Also, outreach to under-represented communities.

Bicycle outreach: identify apartment complexes and lower income complexes and offer the inventory of kids' bikes.

Board member outreach: putting concrete expectations on board members. Identify ways for board members to reach out to their grid residents. Taking a look at updating board member basic requirements.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Services Committee—Matt McGuire, Chair



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Matt discussed the successful Agelgil event. CEC is proposing to do a similar event 2-3 times a year. Food distribution was October 2. Several board members came as did church members. Was able to fill 9/10 spots.

Community Development Committee---Susan Duffy, Chair

St. Kate's update: Mpls and St. Paul campus merging together. Gym memberships are available. Community is welcome to attend campus activities.

Ward 3 design standards: Modifying design standards like variances to be more consistent to Highland standards, but more restrictive. Update language to be clearer.

Ford AUAR: transportation send a resolution from entire bd then CDC drafted their resolution regarding wildlife, pollution, greenhouse gases.

Transportation Committee----Kevin Gallatin, Chair

Ford AUAR resolution passed and was sent to City.

Crosby paths: resolution sent to City, regarding flood waters.

Community transit conversation up-coming.

Kevin met with City re: engagement of projects and HDC: resolution for suggestions and resident perspective.

Business Representatives Reports:

HBA----Anne Langford

Anne said a task force has been created around Highland Fest. A consultant is providing recommendations and changes are going to be made.

W7BA---Kathy Soderberg

Aldi and fitness center should open in about 4-5 weeks in Sibley Plaza.

New/Other Business:

Jim said that the U of M is putting GPS collars on the HP coyote population. We should invite the U to a board meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 845pm.

Submitted by: Rebecca Reiners, HDC Secretary