Attendees

*Board members and staff present marked with “X”*

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| Ben Osborn – Vice Chair | X | Carrie Henning-Smith - Secretary | X |
| Jake Schwitzer- Chair |  | Rhonda Fields | X |
| Rebecca Donley (Staff) | X | Katie Krisch - Treasurer |  |
| Bob Jorgenson | X | Brittany Resch | X |
| Cory Schaffhausen | X | Andrea Budke |  |
| Allan Cummins | X | Cassie Batinich | X |
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Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM. This meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid 19. Meeting minutes from April were approved. Ben Osborn presided in place of Jake Schwitzer. Allan Cummins made the motion to approve minutes and it was seconded by Carrie Henning-Smith. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 1: Councilmember Schroeder Update

CM Schroeder shared an update about the housefire in the Hale neighborhood. The fire chief is investigating, but at this point it seems to have been an accidental home fire.

-Minneapolis is currently under water restrictions due to drought. No watering between the hours of 12p-6p. Lawn sprinkling is allowed outside that window of time on Even addresses on even dates, and odd addresses on odd dates. Plants and new sod may be special instances. Full restrictions and exemptions can be found here: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/news/2021/july/city-implements-even-odd-water-sprinkling-restrictions/>.

On the environmental front, CM Schroeder introduced a resolution against Line 3 in the city council.

ARPA budget passed—moved funds to senior programming like Nokomis Active Seniors and housing projects.

CM Schroeder shared that he had reached out to the person who organized the West Nokomis Garden Walk, will connect interested board members with organizer to see if this project could be a fit for HPDL in the future.

**Action Items? West Nokomis Garden Walk follow up**

Agenda Item 2: Minneapolis Sidewalk Repair Hunters Group

Community member Michael Sack presented on the Minneapolis Sidewalk Repair Hunters project and Facebook group. This project is to engage community members to report uneven or cracked sidewalks and curb cut issues to the city to increase accessibility. This project is intended to improve sidewalks and paths across the city of Minneapolis. Michael runs a Facebook group as a place to share information about problem areas and tools for making reports to the city.

**Action Items?** Rebecca will try to link the HPDL Facebook page with the Sidewalk Repair Hunters Group. We will also look into answers about who pays for sidewalk repairs and what the rules are for property owners who need/want to make repairs to their sidewalks.

Agenda Item 3: Community Fire Safety Concerns

Cassie Batinich reached out to Jennifer Neale about fire safety concerns due to the recent neighborhood home fire and other incidents in the neighborhood. Jennifer Neale will follow up about concerns as more information is provided from the investigation.

**Action items?** Community Safety committee may want to follow up with Jennifer Neale at a future committee meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Farmers Market Tabling and Fundraiser

Ben Osborn updated the Board about the plans for a fundraiser with the Farmer’s Market and Heathers. Has not heard back from Farmer’s Market folks and has not found a band for this event. Rebecca shared that we currently have not gotten a deadline or follow up information from Francisca Pass about the Pearl Park Playground shade project. Anecdotally it seems that attendance at the Farmer’s Market is lower than past years and they are not setting out tables for food or activities that they have in the past.

**Action items?** Rebecca will follow up again with Fran Pass at MPRB about Pearl Park. May want to confirm with Farmer’s Market folks about holding on fundraiser plans for this year.

Agenda Item 5: BVBS Library Damage

Rebecca learned from Lisa that the BVBS library door was damaged. Rebecca offered to share information about this on social media to raise attention and funds for repair, but Lisa said that was not necessary at this time.

**Action Items?** None

Agenda Item 6: Annual Meeting Planning

Rebecca shared that she is starting to look into preliminary plans for our annual meeting this fall. She spoke with Eric at Pearl Park, where the meeting has been held in the past. The rec center is not currently allowing indoor reservations, so we may want to consider an outdoor meeting or virtual, depending on space needs, COVID precautions, and weather.

**Action Items?** None

Agenda Item 7: Voter Education and Ward 11 City Council Candidate Forum Planning

Rebecca met with League of Women Voters Minneapolis outreach person Marilyn Cantisano about potentially having LWV provide a presentation on voter education for the upcoming Municipal elections. She also met with Becky Timm from NENA and Sally Bauer from Tangletown to discuss hosting a Ward 11 City Council Candidate Forum. We are looking at potentially holding an in-person forum at Pearl Park or Mayflower Church. Sally also shared information about other south west Minneapolis neighborhood groups collaborating on voter education materials.

**Action Items?** Rebecca will share details as they are confirmed.

Committee Updates

* **Picnic in the Park:** none
* **Environmental:** none
* **Frost Fest:** none
* **Triangle Park:** none
* **Garage Sale:** none
* **Business Association:** none
* **Communications:** none
* **Brew and Stew:** none
* **Housing:** none
* **Public Safety**:none
* **Equity**: Allan Cummins and Carrie Henning-Smith reported on work they have done on the Equitable Engagement Plan. Rebecca will send an email out to the group to get additional support in completing the plan so we can vote on approving our draft to submit to NCR.

**Action Items?** Rebecca will email group to set a meeting on the calendar and reach out to Aryca Myers at NCR for added support.

Financial Review

Katie was out for this meeting. Rebecca is re-formatting the financial reports to make them easier to read with our new N2020 funds.

**Action Items?** Rebecca will send out financials once they are completed.

New Business

Rebecca shared about a meeting she had with John Pedersen at Diamond Lake Lutheran and Pastor Steve at Nokomis Heights Lutheran about doing a community asset mapping project with the potential to collaborate with a Northside neighborhood.

Allan Cummins requested that we communicate more clearly about the status of committee meetings.

**Action Items?** Rebecca will share details as they are confirmed for the neighborhood meeting. Rebecca will also reach out to committee leaders at the beginning of the month to confirm whether there are conflicts for meetings to ensure the calendar is up to date.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:40 pm**