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 | X | Jake Reber | X |
| Rebecca Donley (Staff) | X | Katie Krisch - Treasurer | X |
| Bob Jorgenson |  | Brittany Resch | X |
| Cory Schaffhausen | X | Andrea Budke | X |
| Allan Cummins | X | Cassie Batinich | X |
| Corey Webster |  |  |  |

Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM. This meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid 19. Meeting minutes from December were approved. Brittany Resch made the motion and it was seconded by Andrea Budke. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 1: Councilmember Schroeder Update

Jeremy started by mentioning the settlement for George Floyd’s family. He then discussed city preparations around the Chauvin trial and shared link to this briefing on public safety and preparations here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgizFaQxNa0>. He recommended starting with this PowerPoint for initial information: <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Download/File/5000/Public%20Safety%20Briefing%20Presentation.pdf>.

State is doing well with vaccine rollout and is ahead of its initial planned pace. Recommended signing up for vaccine connector: <https://vaccineconnector.mn.gov/> and reminded board of the importance of staying cautious and being tested and following public health guidance.

Fielded question on handling funding coming through from stimulus package. He has been working with his staff to be as prepared as possible for those.

Agenda Item 2: Block Listening Sessions

* Andrea will likely be holding block listening session next Wednesday. She sent a personal note to neighbors. Set up Doodle and chose time that worked for the most people.
* Allan is also working on planning block listening session and Rebecca is working to help him set that up.

Agenda Item 3: Open Board Seat

Corey will be dropping off due to personal conflict with job. We will reach out to woman who was interested before (also a Diamond Lake resident). If she’s no longer interested, can solicit ideas from the board for other possibilities.

Suggestion to solicit potential new members through Equity Committee if she’s not interested.

Agenda Item 4: Neighborhood Organization Recognition Requirements

* Document part of Neighborhoods 2020 plan. Courtney has put notes on where we should built out to ensure we are in accordance with recognition requirements. Guidance provided from city is not very specific, but we already seem to meet most requirements.
* One place we should look is term limits, although we are currently in compliance. Could pass bylaw to ensure compliance going forward.
* Courtney had also inquired whether we are in compliance with ADA and equitable engagement plan. Suggestion that board members with legal background look into those policies. Katie will lead looking into ADA compliance and the equity committee will look into equity engagement plan. Question about requirements for website meeting compliance for vision impaired; Katie will also look into that and report back for website. Rebecca reported that last update for policy was done in 2006.
* Questions also on training for board, and on ability of city to provide that in a useful way.
* Rebecca is looking into training manuals and job descriptions for both board members and staff.
* Rebecca shared letter from Steven Gallagher at the city on what boards can/can’t do, especially in relation to elections. For example, can post on social media in support/opposition to a candidate, but only in personal role, not in context of being a board member. The board can work in favor of specific ballot initiatives, and for get out the vote efforts. League of Women Voters has already been in contact with Rebecca about planning a potential candidate forum.

Agenda Item 5: Potential Spring/Summer Planning

* Earth Day/Clean Sweep: small planning group had emailed with Sarah, and discussed planning Clean Sweep, but need to be very clear on what we’ll be collecting (e.g., electronics). City may have other Earth Day activities planned, so Clean Sweep would need to happen on a different date than that.
  + Categories for Clean Sweep could include: electronics or hazardous waste. Clean Sweep does not appear to allow hazardous waste (that is drop off only)
  + Cory mentioned when we did garage sale, we would have donation drop-off location. In lieu of garage sale this year, could coordinate centralized donation drop-off site. Should be in our records who we had do that for garage sale in past. Rebecca had heard from group asking when they could do donations pickup. She’ll reach back out to potentially schedule that in the Pearl Park parking lot.
  + Sarah is willing to help on Earth Day, though not necessarily lead. Setting up Earth Day would entail scheduling table at Pearl Park to pass out gloves and bags on a Saturday in April. Discussion of how we could get word out on. Cassie suggested reaching out to Jennifer Neale to connect with block leaders to spread word – she volunteered to contact Jennifer. Rebecca will ask about putting something on Pearl Park sign. Andrea suggested social media campaign with hashtag for people to post when they’re picking up trash.
  + Cory, Jake, Andrea, Cassie, Brittany, Allan, Jake, and Ben all volunteered to help. Will connect separately.
* Potential of doing Picnic in the Park. With vaccinations rolling out and Gov. Walz opening up restrictions, could be possibility. Discussion of tabling again for this year, or potentially doing something lower key. Will revisit conversation in a couple of months to discuss possibility of something smaller scale.

Agenda Item 6: GiveMN Fundraising

* Cory shared some history of fundraising in HPDL, but noted that we haven’t tried this platform (GiveMN) for something small (~ a few hundred dollars, e.g., for the food shelf). If we’re successful with that, we could potentially raise some positive attention and then gain momentum for future fundraising efforts.
* Cory updated page and included mission statement and examples of projects that people can give to: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Hale-Page-Diamond-Lake-Community-Association>
* Can also use this to create campaign and set goals.
* Could add information to website to channel people to giving platform.

Agenda Item 7: Gardens and Seed Library

* Cory installed seed library and it’s ready to be stocked. Would be helpful to include enough stock to keep interest. Wondered if board could provide $100 for initial startup funds for the library. Katie can work with Rebecca to ensure that this is reimbursable.
* Library is on 50th St. between 10th and 11th Aves.

Agenda Item 8: Letter to Park Board re: Solomon Park

* Katie circulated draft letter to park board re: Solomon Park. Purpose of the letter is to alert park board that equity committee has strong interest in ensuring that whatever goes into park honors Mr. Solomon’s legacy.
* Additional comments can go to Katie, but letter will be sent to park board soon.
* Ben also mentioned interest from equity committee in doing small flower gardens around park signs and in doing community garden. Could try to get amendment to master plan to add those.

Committee Updates

* **Picnic in the Park:** none
* **Environmental:** none
* **Frost Fest:** none
* **Triangle Park:** none
* **Garage Sale:** none
* **Business Association:** none
* **Communications:** Andrea provided report. Request for website content was sent out. Asking all board members to look at that and sign up. Sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fiq01c18iX6Or_LnknordE4EnGsSmYCRfHNl85myXk8/edit>. Newsletter being finalized and should be mailed out soon. Rebecca will work on that this week. Rebecca also creating editorial calendar with specific dates for certain content.
* **Brew and Stew:** none
* **Housing:** none
* **Public Safety**:Cassie provided update. Jennifer Neale talked about potentially setting up meeting with block leaders to get a sense for how they’re communicating with neighbors to provide structure to them. Rebecca has been sending community safety updates to committee (e.g., re: Chauvin trial).
* **Equity**: Ben provided report. Next addition of book club going out in April. Committee has been discussing updates of Solomon Park.

Financial Review

Katie provided financial update. She will look into funding seed library this week and will look into matching/fundraising options if we’re going to pursue a bigger project, like one at Solomon Park.

New Business

None.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm**