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 | Rhonda Fields | X |
| Rebecca Donley (Staff) | X | Katie Krisch - Treasurer | X |
| Bob Jorgenson | X | Brittany Resch |  |
| Cory Schaffhausen | X | Andrea Budke |  |
| Allan Cummins | X | Cassie Batinich |  |
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Meeting called to order: 7:02 PM. Guests Jerome Rokke, Andrew Granchalek, CM Schroeder, and Albert Ross were present. This meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid 19. Meeting minutes from July were approved. Jake Schwitzer made the motion to approve minutes and it was seconded by Katie Krisch. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 1: Councilmember Schroeder Update

CM Schroeder shared an update about 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/>.

CM Schroeder shared that there will be three charter amendments on the ballot in the city election. CM Schroeder said that the construction at 60th and Portland is being resolved and should be complete as of Monday, 8/23.

**Action Items? None**

Agenda Item 2: West Nokomis Garden Tour

Community member Andrew Granchalek shared the history of the West Nokomis Garden Tour and the outcome. Would like to engage HPDL in supporting this project next summer.

**Action Items?** Cory Schaffhausen will work on a group with interested Board members and Andrew Granchalek on creating an event that is scalable but keeps to the original intent of the 2021 Garden Tour.

Agenda Item 3: Pearl Park Playground Shade Structure Fundraising

Jerome Rokke from Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council joined the meeting to discuss information from Francisca Pass about the Pearl Park Playground Improvements. Would like to combine funds to support the construction of shade structures in the first phase of playground construction this Spring.

**Action items?** Rebecca will reach out to Bob Cooper to determine remaining funds in the Pearl Park sign bucket. Board will vote on amount to contribute over email.

Agenda Item 4: Equitable Engagement Plan

Rebecca shared the Equitable Engagement Plan that Board members Allan Cummins, Carrie Henning-Smith, Rhonda Fields, Jake Schwitzer, and Cory Schaffhausen contributed toward drafting. Ben Osborn moved to approve with Rhonda Fields seconding, the Board voted to approve the draft to be sent on to NCR.

**Action items?** Rebecca will send the draft to NCR and report back to Board of Directors on their response.

Agenda Item 5: Annual Meeting Planning

Rebecca suggested that we move forward with plans for a virtual Annual Meeting due to restrictions with indoor reservations at the Pearl Park Rec Center and COVID concerns. We will need to prepare a mailing with Annual Meeting information.

**Action Items?** Jake, Cory, and Rhonda will work together to plan a presentation and mailing for this event.

Agenda Item 6: Voter Education and Ward 11 City Council Candidate Forum Planning

Rebecca shared that the Ward 11 City Council Candidate Forum is set to take place at MCN studios on September 15. As a sponsor we are asked to contribute $100 for each neighborhood in Ward 11 (total of $300) to cover studio space and honorarium to LWV Minneapolis for hosting the event. The Board will vote over email once funding source is determined. Rebecca also shared information about south west Minneapolis neighborhood groups collaborating on voter education events and resources for the charter amendments. As a sponsoring organization, HPDL is asked to contribute $150 to the project. The Board will vote on whether to approve once funding stream is determined.

**Action Items?** Rebecca will email the Board with financials and request for a vote on these funds.

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**: none

**Action Items?** None

Financial Review

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

None.

**Action Items? None**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:45 pm**