

## NEPNA Board Meeting 2/11/2021

Call to order: 6:32pm

### Attendance:

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The **agenda** included the following:

Item brought forward by September Luitjens : The Park Board has 9 commissioners; six are elected by district and three are elected at-large on a citywide basis. Two of the three at-large commissioners are not running for re-election. The 1st District Commissioner is believed by some to be vulnerable.

\*\*addition notes at bottom-

- Conversation with Crime Prevention Specialist about public safety
  - Overall good neighbor with low crime.
    - Area of concern: Do not leave valuables in car and do not wrap them up in a jacket to leave in the seat. Recommendation put them in the trunk.
    - Toyota Prius and Honda Civic are high targets.
    - High theft of catalytic converters: Call Police Immediately when you hear a noise in the middle of the night – cutting one out.
  - **Open to floor on concerns:**
  - September concerns challenges with drug addiction and dealing, how to prevent individuals from continuing negative actions near and around our houses.
    - individuals shooting up outside the house
      - Ali – difficult to deal with, SERT team-will need to investigate and continue to monitor property.
      - Mandy – recommended discussion with county attorney and the difficulty to condemn a house? Also – ensure you gather community impact statements.
      - Specific Address: 948 18th Ave NE
      - Direct involvement – focus on wellness,

- Continue conversation and diver deeper with Ali and others – details to come.
- Mandy request a brief written statement to have crime prevention specialist come quarterly.

- **Park investment and planning presentation from Park Board staff**

- Dan Elias–presented. **Dan will send out the public survey** coming and looking for feedback. Presented Master Plan, changes in softball fields with construction to begin in the fall, and they would be unavailable for use until fall of 2022
- Questions and Concerns: Tennis Courts – reconstruction/rehabilitate – between 45-200k potentially move courts closer to a larger parking lot at 750k est.

Understanding Master plan and potential to partner with capital project and amend Master Plan with asset management group and bring them up to playable condition. Opportunity to change the planning on length of repair from 40 years to 10 years. Dan will work to understand plan of action.  
 \*\*Mandy – mentioned park board member - to get it up to playable status as a major item.

- Basketball courts – rough shape may or may not come back, concern on spacing of pandemic. Currently bicycle skills course in place and how long? (Assigned - Dan will look into)

From Dan Elias MPRB (he/him) : Northeast Athletic Field Park Improvements Project Webpage:  
[https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park\\_care\\_\\_improvements/park\\_projects/current\\_projects/northeast\\_athletic\\_field\\_park\\_fields\\_and\\_path\\_improvements/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/northeast_athletic_field_park_fields_and_path_improvements/)

- **Update on budget and projects**

- Home Security Grant Program (Mandy)
  - i. \$200 towards purchase of motion lights, locks, cameras, etc. for exterior of home. Mandy will confirm everything with Jack with hopes to allow reimbursements from Fall 2020 forward. With ability to receive electronic invoicing and pay. Potential to change on home improvements will pick up discussion next meeting. Table vote 15k or 20k for next meeting until further details are presented.

Next meeting:

- Update and review NEPA budget
- Home security grant – understand terms and amount. (Laurie and Mandy report)
- Update on current programs in force.

\*Mandy request – make sure we understand the duration of the contract for the grant programs.

Adjourned: 8:06pm

\*\*Additional notes from September on the commissioner responsibilities: The major responsibilities of the commissioners are:

- Develop park policies
- Enact ordinances governing the use of neighborhood and regional parks, parkways, beaches and lakes, and special use facilities such as pools, ice arenas and golf courses
- Appoint the Superintendent
- Recommend a tax levy and approve a budget developed by the Superintendent

Commissioners are currently paid \$12,000+ per year except for the Board president who receives \$13,000+. Commissioners also receive benefits and I have been told that the medical coverage is quite good.

The Commissioners have two evening meetings per month, and this includes Committee meetings as well as the Regular meeting. There is an extra meeting in January to elect the Board chair and to organize com

From September Luitjens : There is an extra meeting in January to elect the Board chair and to organize committees and outside appointments. Outside appointments include one representative each to the Board of Estimate and Taxation (to set tax levy), the City Planning Commission, and St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board.

I'm aware of two groups that are interested in finding new candidates so this could mean fundraising assistance or campaign volunteers. I have been a member of ParkWatch, a small group that watches the Park Board, since 2005. Folks who want more information about an issue are welcome to get in touch with. If I do not know the answer, another Parkwatcher probably does. We divided up issues and so have slightly different expertise.

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