

# NEPNA Annual Meeting

11.11.2021

Time: **6:30 PM to 8:00 PM** - Zoom Meeting

## Attendance

**Board:** Katie Kottenbrock, Nicolle Toth, Laurie and John Andersen, Kate Lawson, Mandy & Mark Tempel, September Luitjens, Cedric Weatherspoon, Sean French, Ravyn Gibbs,

**Representatives:**

Kari Dziedzic - Sen.Kari.Dziedzic@senate.mn

Elliott Payne - elliottpayne@elliottpayne.org

Sydney Jordan - rep.sydney.jordan@house.mn

**Guests:**

Liam Davis Temple

Heather (last name)

Lydia (last name)

Carol HajlStone – Mpls Park & Rec Board

Chris DesRoche – Asstet Mgmt Park Board

Maria Biasin – Election Facilitator

**Kari D.** – Housing issues: renter protections, low income housing issues and home ownership gap. Zillow leaving the market and planning to sell to Haven Brook who doesn't have a good track record as a landlord. I'm working with Sen. Smith to push housing stock to be added to Habitat for Humanity or Land Trust to closed

Bonding bill passed which means money for roads, bridges and broadband issues that also exist in the twin cities urban core.

Rent help can be found at [renthelpmn.org](http://renthelpmn.org) or call 211 or 612 642 3000

**Sydney J.** – House is pushing for bonus pay for frontline workers and 5- 11 years olds can now get vaccinated Mall of America has a good reputation and there are incentives for high schoolers. Links: <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/vaccine-rewards/kids-deserve-a-shot/index.jsp>

Cold weather rule is in effect until April 15 please contact your provider if you are having issues paying your bills.

Clean weather grants and storm drain challenge are available. Please think about these as opportunities to be included in your equity plans

Sydney's newsletter: Link y newsletter:

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNHOUSEDFL/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=MNHOUSED\\_FL\\_174](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNHOUSEDFL/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNHOUSED_FL_174)

**Elliott P.** – New Ward 1 council reprehensive. Goals for this term:

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Please include me as a resource for the Equity and Engagement plans going forward. Wants to support the neighborhood associations and getting outcomes for the community regardless of what is happening in city hall and elevate the voices of the community bring that into city hall and equity, diversity and inclusion integrated

Katie - Aeon would like to meet with Elliot once he gets acclimated to his new position

**Carol HajlStone** – Playground construction has begun west of the waterpark. Play equipment has been secured and are scheduled to be delivered and installed late March early April weather permitting.

Athletic field improvements and redesign is underway, bids were higher than expected but we are able include a grant from Hennepin county for a soil remediation grant and storm water infiltration on sight which is less costly and should secure better bids and be completed by 2022 in the fall.

Please note the park buildings hours will undergo a major change (check website) and winter sports registration is open.

**Chris DesRoche** – All 4 NE tennis courts will get an asphalt overlay that will last a good 10/12 years but is not a permanent fix along with new green top coat and lines. Including new nets and posts from park board dollars from NRP monies. Project should be done July of 2022.

Backboards will also be replaced in a system wide initiative and will be completed within the same time frame.

Signage won't be replaced unless there are noted instances of signs that need to be updated or replaced. General maintenance stays as the responsibility of the park keeper staff. These courts are now on the maintenance list for the tennis courts lifecycle program. So ever seven or eight years they will get a color coat resurfacing and lines.

Board Elections:

Current Terms:

Katie – 3 year term with 2 years remaining

Sean – 3 year term with 2 years remaining

Laurie – 2 year term with 1 year remaining

September – 2 year term with 1 year remaining

Mandy – 2 year term with 1 year remaining

Marissa - 2 year term with 1 year remaining

Open Positions:

One 3 year term available

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Three 1 year term available  
10 alternate positions available

## **One 3 year term nominations:**

Cedric Weatherspoon  
Kate Lawson  
Luna McIntyre

### **Term goes to:**

Luna McIntyre

## **Three 1 year term nominations:**

Nicolle Toth  
Kate Lawson  
Cedric Weatherspoon  
Ravyn Gibbs

### **Terms go to:**

Nicolle Toth  
Cedric Weatherspoon  
Ravyn Gibbs

## **10 alternate positions nominations:**

Kate Lawson  
Jerry  
John  
Heather  
Lydia  
Mark Temple  
Nora

### Terms go to: (ranked)

1. Kate
2. John & Heather
  - Jerry
  - Lydia
  - Mark Temple
  - Nora

**Aeon & McGaugh** – Young Blood project update Stephanie Karp & Bard Lis

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Stephanie - Early funding has been submitted to the city and we waiting to hear the decision and how that will effect funding and how the project develops.

Brad – Programing, layout and funding raising and NEPNA support is appreciated

Katie – Letter of support for Aeon has been submitted to the city planner and will be given the Elliott once he takes office. Also, we would be willing to discuss writing a separate letter of support for McGough. Thank you for keeping us updated on your progress and if there are barriers that we can assist with.

Kate Lawson – What are your plans for the net zero emissions planning as companies?

Aeon – all buildings are built solar ready and research grants and funding to assist with these initiatives.

Both organizations have met with the Mississippi River Water Shed Management Organization for collaboration opportunities.

McGough – environmental issues are always considered from preparing for Solar to pace equity which means there are fund dollars for making environmental friendly decisions.

Closing:

At the December meeting will include electing officer positions.

Co-Chair

Secretary

Treasure

Katie would like to mentor a new board chair due to capacity with her new job.

Changes are coming and NEPNA may have to merger with another neighborhood or create an umbrella organization. We have been proactive and have had email conversations with Beltrami, Logan and St Anthony East and how we can collaborate by applying for the Shared Resources Funding City hasn't set a due date for applications. This fund offers \$20,000 which can be spent on consultants, mediators and attorneys. NEPNA funding changes are coming – base funding Neighborhood Network Plan which is less money than previously and Equity Engagement \$2000 which is much less but there are funds rolling over into this fund and NRP funding still exists. More details in December. Let's think about volunteering and fundraising!