

# NEPNA Meeting Minutes

## 1/13/22

### Attendees:

Sydney Jordan [rep.sydney.jordan@house.mn](mailto:rep.sydney.jordan@house.mn)  
Katie Kottenbrock  
Lydia Murphy-Ralph  
Kate Lawson  
Marissa Bremer-Roark  
Mark Tempel  
Amanda (Mandy) Tempel  
Nicolle Toth [nicolletoth@gmail.com](mailto:nicolletoth@gmail.com)  
September Luitjens  
Luna McIntyre  
Sen. Kari Dziedzic  
Cedric Weatherspoon  
Ravyn Gibbs

Lea Payette - GreenCorp member with City of Minneapolis here to talk about the "Salt Mini-Course." Can direct folks to it to learn why salt is problematic.

Kari Dziedzic - virtual town halls 1/20 6:30-8, 2/5/22 noon-1:30  
35W issues - major project(s) needed - [aaron.tag@state.mn.us](mailto:aaron.tag@state.mn.us), [john.griffith@hdrinc.com](mailto:john.griffith@hdrinc.com)  
Beltrami neighborhood had a trivia night with us, asked us to participate again. Broke even on last one. Would be 2/17 or 2/24. Suggested donation. Virtual event.  
Meeting minutes from last time need to be reviewed and okayed.  
Inviting new city council member and other reps to next meeting, and will carry over old business or have "a short February meeting."  
(Northeast bike event? Maybe this will come back up at February meeting.)

Amanda Tempel "USI is offering gigabit for most of NE Park in 2022:  
[ps://usinternet.com/fiber/coverage-map/](https://usinternet.com/fiber/coverage-map/)"

Have \$37789.29 for the Equitable Engagement Fund that we need to use ASAP before we lose it. Need to host 2 events.  
Rain gardens, entertainment, food are not options, we can't pay people to pursue interests. No physical  
Lydia and September are interested.  
September mentioned LED lights  
Nicolle mentioned NE Park community share your culture? Teach how to cook a family secret recipe class at the ne kitchen  
Hosting an event for our renting community  
Community gardens for crops - need a long-term volunteer commitment.  
Mandy mentioned partnering with NE park on this. Mentioned looking at how MLK park on how they are managing their community garden program. Partnering with NE Tool Library on sponsoring events.

Luna mentioned having another renters forum, trivia night, youth hiring  
Kate Lawson “The Center for Energy and Environment might have some guidance on how to engage with the community: <https://www.mncee.org/community-energy-consulting>”  
September mentioned using funds to encourage public transit and possibly subsidize.  
Nicolle mentioned working with NEMAA with artists for youth art classes targeted at equitable engagement  
Garrett - Renter's legal rights funding and information. Pre-homeowners course.