

NEPNA Meeting Minutes 2/10/22

Attendees:

Sydney Jordan rep.sydney.jordan@house.mn
Katie Kottenbrock
Lydia Murphy-Ralph
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Cedric Weatherspoon
Ravyn Gibbs

Start with Sen. Dziedzic giving an update on the legislative session and her goals, jobs, mentioned possible over-policing in underserved areas, the over \$3 billion surplus, and how might best use it to make sure we can all succeed in the state. Email Kari and follow her newsletter.

“Sen.Kari.Dziedzic@senate.mn is my email. My assistant's email is Tytiana.Reid@senate.mn. We can be reached at 651-296-7809.”

CM Elliott Payne talked about the death of Amir Locke, police reform/funding, working with Sydney on this issue. Public transit, Margaret Anderson Kelliher to lead the transit push as director of public works.

Katie asked Elliott about his vote against taking money from Linden Hills neighborhood for police contracting funds.

“Here is the MPD staffing study”

<https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCAV2/26161/Minneapolis-Staffing-Operations-and-PNC-Assessment-FINAL.pdf>

Rep. Sydney Jordan spoke about gun control, the divided government in MN, bonding. Climate disaster, \$1 billion in spending toward that. Reviewing corporation and factory permits. Fully funding special education and ESL learning in school, also addressing school budget issues. She mentioned the need for replacing lead pipes in the state and the ear-marked federal funds and how they may offset homeowner costs or assessments.

Cedric asked about mental health workers, burnout, fast-tracking training, and education. Allowing practicum hours going to licensing. Also getting people to stay in the field, incentives. Sydney mentioned a push to get increased funding for mental health funding, replacing and increasing funding for teachers, nursing.

Kari mentioned tweaking standards for teachers, nurses, mental health workers' recruitment and retention.

Sydney mentioned talking to the chair of the behavioral health committee about this increased need. Lead service line replacement, water main to the home. Part public/part private ownership.

Sydney has a bill to give cities grants for the replacement of the privately-owned portion of the line. Working with construction unions on this as well.

Billy Menz spoke about opening park buildings in light of the covid developments, early learning funding only fund about 73% of EL funding. Spoke about his board seats. He spoke about NE Park regional-sized skate park which is a future possibility.

A large number of attendees support the idea of a dog park in NE Park Dog park. A NE dog park would take amending the Park master plan. BNSF owns a fair amount of land and can be difficult to negotiate with without public support.

Katie talked about getting murals on the RR bridges, talks previously broke down with the RR's once the pandemic started.

Billy mentioned trying to get a mural on the NE Ice Arena

Nicolle "Yes. There was a community outreach BNSF person on staff for a minute that was very open to the art idea. That position was eliminated early on in the pandemic and now with the pending BNSF strike, it may be even longer before they have the bandwidth for those discussions."

Luna mentioned \$2000 EEF grant to encourage getting renters to engage with NEPNA