

# November NEPNA Board Meeting

## 11.9.2023

### Attendees:

Sean French  
Luna McIntyre  
Katie Kottenbrock  
Laurie and John Andersen  
Kate Lawson  
Nicolle Toth  
Heidi (NE rec center)  
Makella Daley  
September Luitjens  
Amanda (Mandy) Tempel  
Jerry Caron

### Agenda:

#### NEPNA Fest 2024 planning with parks

- Heidi talked about NESE soccer celebration and combining NEPNA to save money and have a bigger turnout, they have around 1500 attendees, they have not provided food in the past.
- Food costs would be much higher, much greater engagement potential
- Have a mix of high stimulation and low stimulation activities available
- July 8th or 15th for a proposed date from Heidi, Mandy recommended 7/15 due to the nearby holiday.
- July date allows for time between NEPNA fest and Beltrami SCARE in Oct
- Inviting food trucks for the event
- New name for the combined event
- Sharing info on community resources, QR event code to add to calendar and share info
- Interactive feedback with sign-in - surveys, etc.
- Interactive neighborhood map with locations, to identify and recognize all the things they do in the neighborhood, posted online and in rec center

#### Next steps on merger process with Beltrami Neighborhood Council (BNC)

- Reestablishing our new combined neighborhood will have to be a focus in the coming year
- Thoughts or feelings on the merger?
- Merge officially on Jan 1st, financial and legal steps come later
  - ➔ **Informed consent document vote - unanimous consent to approve**
  - ➔ **Resolution to merge document vote - unanimous consent to approve**
  - ➔ **Plan of merger and merger agreement document vote (process detailed to move forward with merger) - unanimous consent to approve**
- Keep the staff we have now until we have our official board in may, though responsibilities may change. New contracts/agreements would follow with decisions from the new board
- Appoint interim board for merged organization

- Interim board would be active from Jan to May, 5 members

**Interim Board Appointed:**

- ➔ Kate, September, Katie, Luna, Laurie
- ➔ Mandy as alternates, Jerry as 2nd alternate

**Funding:**

- ➔ Neighborhood network fund - Mayor allocated 15K per neighborhood, we will have 30k
- ➔ Equitable engagement fund base amount will change - around 4k based on current formula which will go into 2024 - between 2k and 10k in renewed funds
- ➔ Fundraising and grant writing will be goals with the new board
- ➔ Two remaining programs - People's canvas and Home makeover series (which Luna updated us on, partnering and contracting with Jodi Lynn, local artist, and the NE tool library to host and make plant boxes, waived usage fee)
- ➔ Creative ways to fundraise and tie in a pub crawl to bring in business to our neighborhood businesses

**December Meeting:**

Community potluck at the rec center or Sociable Cider for the final December meeting for NEPNA, September to reach out to Alex

**Conversation to determine if NEPNA wants to sign on to this letter for the MPS teachers:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKniHKsyOXNRxwW7z7zciSUs\\_oxzD\\_4A65cHGwk1guQCZOIw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKniHKsyOXNRxwW7z7zciSUs_oxzD_4A65cHGwk1guQCZOIw/viewform)

**Motion made by Katie to vote to sign onto the letter, Sean 2nded - motion passes with 4 yeas and 3 nays/abstains**