

## **Neighborhood Association Presidents' Meeting**

May 23, 2011

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### Attendees:

Beth Kieres, Bill Relyea, Tracy Gilday, Jef Treece, Troy Bowers, Scott Howard, David Rittenhouse, Alex Kachirisky, Kevin Bryck, Anthony Bracco

### Staff:

Kirsten Wyatt

### Council:

Councilor Jenni Tan, Councilor Mike Jones

Meeting called to order at 6:03

### **How Does the NA Presidents Group Make Decisions**

- Discussion ensued, including the following general items:
  - It is important for Neighborhood Association Presidents (NAPs) to gain NA feedback prior to the NAP group making decisions.
  - Pitching ideas to NA membership is a way to get more ideas.
  - NA funds are taxpayer funds; they are not “owned” by the specific NA.
  - The NAP group expects a quorum of attendees and a majority vote on decisions.
  - A clearly-defined decision making process helps support the decisions that are made.
  - The NAP group prefers to have a chair or co-chair to run the meetings.
- Motion:
  - Bill Relyea moved that the NAP group should make decisions based on majority and quorum.
  - Alex Kachirisky seconded the motion.
- Amendment:
  - Troy Bowers offered an amendment that each NA should be represented by a president or a proxy (so each NA has one vote) and a quorum is defined as a simple majority.
  - Bill Relyea seconded the amendment, and clarified that the proxy is whomever is delegated by the NA president in the president’s absence.
- Vote:
  - Amendment vote – 8-0 (Approved)
  - Motion vote – 8-0 (Approved)

### **NA Stipend Changes & Process**

- Discussion ensued, including the following general concepts:
  - There are many ways to divide the allocation, including dividing allocation into a base amount, a per capita amount, and/or a grant amount.

- What is the defined purpose of NA stipend funds?
- NAs with greater populations may deserve a larger share of stipend funding.
- NAs with greater community responsibilities may deserve a larger share.
- Motion:
  - Jef Treece moved to allocate \$500 to each NA now; with the remainder decided upon based on future vision discussions by six months from tonight's meeting.
  - David Rittenhouse seconded the motion.
- Discussion:
  - Bill Relyea clarified that the next six month period will be used to allocate the remaining \$4,500.
- Vote:
  - 6-2 (Approved)
- Motion:
  - Beth Kieres moved to divvy up the remaining \$4,500 based on the number of households in the NA.
  - Anthony Bracco seconded the motion.
- Vote:
  - 3-5 (Failed)

#### **Other Items; Future Agendas; Calendars**

- Next meeting is June 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bolton Room.
- Next meeting will focus on NAP group leadership vote and the vision/mission project.
- Nominations were made for NAP group leadership:
  - Troy Bowers nominated Dean Suhr.
  - David Rittenhouse seconded the nomination.
  - Beth Kieres nominated Troy Bowers.
  - Troy Bowers cited timing issues and declined the nomination.
  - Beth Kieres nominated Alex Kachirisky.
  - Anthony Bracco seconded the nomination.
- At the June 27, 2011 meeting, a vote will be taken to have Dean and Alex either individually or co-chair the NAP group.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.