

**ViNA Meeting  
May 27, 2009  
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The meeting was held at St. John Missionary Baptist Church and called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Matt Massman. The agenda and the minutes from the April 22, 2009 meeting were approved by consensus.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Events.* Board member and committee chair Ann Kaari reported that Spring Cleaning Day was cold but 15 people participated. The Memorial Concert on May 21 was well attended. May 30 is the garage sale. Upcoming events include the Ice Cream Social on June 24. Next committee meeting is June 6 at 9:30 at the ViNA office.

*Environment.* No report.

*Livability.* No report.

*Business.* Committee Chair Matt Massman reported that paperwork is done for the Great Streets grants. Committee is in a lull as it strategizes how to implement the 44<sup>th</sup> Penn pedestrian study. Some businesses in the area are investing, there is a need to get citizens to participate and lobby for improvements.

*Sustainability.* Committee chair Gary Mortensen reported that the committee continues to work on the welcome packet for new residents. The general design is done and the content is being pulled together. Suggestions for items or information to include are welcome.

**VICTORY 44** -Tabled.

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION**

Board members Matt Massman and John Trombley provided an update on the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission process.

**“HOMEGROWN MINNEAPOLIS”**

ViNA administrator Debbie Nelson provided an overview of this new initiative which is aimed at encouraging the use of neighborhood spaces such as back and side yards, vacant lots, and other spaces for micro-scale agricultural production. This is a grass roots effort with city support, and there are a number of activities underway. There has been some discussion about formalizing these efforts under city administration. It was the consensus of ViNA members present that Debbie should draft and send a letter to the city requesting a minimal amount of bureaucratic oversight and encouraging local control.

**CAMDEN FARMERS MARKET** - No report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Update on Victory Memorial Drive.* Rep. Joe Mullery reported that legislative action included appropriating \$1 million in bond funds for Drive improvements, and \$44,000 was approved from the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Grants to plant 200 new and replacement trees on the Drive. Board member Ann Kaari reported that the county will have another meeting to present plans for Drive improvements, with an Open House tentatively scheduled for June 18 at Loring School.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Spector, Secretary  
Debbie Nelson, Administrator  
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