

ViNA Board of Directors
October 1, 2008

Present: Ann Kaari, Diane Spector, John Trombley, Gary Mortensen, Kris Brogan, Matt Massman,
Staff-Debbie Nelson
Absent: Michael Ansel

The meeting was held at the ViNA office and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair John Trombley. Items were added to the agenda. The agenda and the September 2, 2008 minutes were approved by consensus.

Election of Officers for 2008-2009 - Matt and Gary were nominated for Chair. Matt was elected Chair. Gary was nominated for and elected as Vice Chair. Diane was nominated Secretary. Unanimously elected. Ann was nominated Treasurer. Unanimously elected.

Home Improvement Loan Program - Debbie explained that the funds available in the home loan program are insufficient to cover two pending loans. In mid September John polled the Board to get a sense of whether the Board was in favor of transferring program income to cover the loans, and the Board was in favor of doing so. Debbie authorized GMHC to continue processing the loans pending that actual transfer of funds. **John made and Ann seconded a motion approving the transfer of \$2,500 in program income to the home improvement loan program. Motion carried.** The second part of the issue is whether the program should now be closed until the Phase II program is approved. **John made and Ann seconded a motion to close the home improvement program and make new loans from the Phase II program.** Matt expressed concern that residents be aware that we will no longer be taking applications until the new program is approved. Debbie is working with GMHC to determine options for residents during the interim. **Motion carried.**

Waiver of 45 Day Review from CPED – Debbie explained that CPED has requested each neighborhood to consider waiving their notice of 45-day notice of CPED acquisition of properties. **John made and Kris seconded a motion not to waive the neighborhood's 45-day rights.** The Board discussed and was troubled by a) the lack of a sunset date on the waiver of rights, and b) the waiver is not limited to foreclosure properties. The Board understands the need for flexibility but would be open to being approached by the City on a case by case basis. **Motion carried.** Debbie will call Nancy Thurber for more information and convey this verbally as well as send a letter to CPED.

Review Mission, Vision, and Bylaws – The Board reviewed the Mission and Vision statement and made minor grammatical changes. The Board reviewed the by-laws. John made and Kris seconded a motion to consider amending Article VI (E) to consider the Ice Cream Social a required meeting for attendance policy purposes. The Board discussed this proposal. John also suggested noting in the by-laws that the November and December meetings are combined into a single meeting. Matt suggested that the Board adopt a meeting schedule annually. Another idea is that meeting expectations be set forth in the Board contract. Matt suggested that a proposal be brought back for consideration at the November meeting. John withdrew his motion and agreed to bring a proposal back in November. Matt brought up another topic for consideration, a formal nominating process. John suggested amending Article VI (B) to require that all Directors be nominated from the floor. This will be discussed in November, with the intent that both bylaw amendments be considered by the neighborhood at the same time.

Goals, Objectives, and Strategies – To start the discussion, the Board reviewed the Treasurer's report and budget. Ann reviewed the report. There is just over \$1,400 left in Phase I for traffic study and \$27,000 remaining but not contracted for the Webber Library. Debbie and Ann prepared a proposed 2008/9 budget that shows a \$10-18,000 deficit. The Board discussed strategies for addressing the deficit.

The Board began the review of 2008/9 goals and strategies. Diane suggested that except for core activities the Board's top priority should be sustainability. The Board defined four key activities: Housing Programs,

Sustainability, Community Engagement, 44th and Penn. Gary suggested establishing measurable goals for each of those key activities.

Committees: Matt expressed interest in staying on the Business Committee for continuity but would like to transition out of the chair. Gary would like to stay on the Sustainability Committee, and is also interested in the Business Committee but is unsure whether he can do both. John is interested in Livability, Events, or Housing, but hasn't decided which yet. Ann says she is busy as Treasurer, would like to stay on the Events Committee but would like to transition out of Chair. Kris is involved in Livability and Business. Kris is willing to continue the monthly Livability Committee meetings, but would like some help, for example with minutes. Diane will keep the Ryan Lake project moving along but will also join the Sustainability Committee. The relevant committees are charged with returning measurable goals for the key activities at the November Board meeting.

Other - The Board discussed adding an additional eligible signatory, which are currently Ann and John. The Board agreed that Gary should be added.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Spector, Secretary
October 23, 2008