

**ViNA Board of Directors
December 3, 2008**

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

The meeting was held at the ViNA office and was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Matt Massman. One item was added to the agenda. The amended agenda and the November 5, 2008 minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report - Ann briefly reviewed the budget and financial reports. Ann reported that she has made numerous contacts with the second place winner of last years' holiday lights contest, who has not cashed the winnings check. **John made and Diane seconded a motion to authorize Ann to void the check. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports – NRP Policy Board: John reported on the results of the NRP policy board election. *Events:* Ann reported on the discussions with Live on the Drive regarding fund raising. Ann told that group that ViNA did not have significant funding to commit to this event, but would like to continue discussions on how we can collaborate. *Livability:* No report. *Environment:* No report. *Housing:* No report. *Sustainability:* Matt reported that Gary is continuing to work with the committees to compile the committee evaluation metrics. *Business:* Matt reported on the Great Streets Grant submittal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Housing Fair Update – The Fair will be held on March 21, 2009. Matt reported that ViNA has not been meeting the requirements for having a free table at the event, one of which is participation in planning meetings. Michael or a ViNA representative have not been able to attend meetings regularly.

Board Contracts – Debbie received contracts from all Board members except Michael and Gary, who were not in attendance at the Board meeting.

Committee Measurables – Tabled.

2009 Calendar – Various changes were made to the draft 2009 calendar. **Kris made and Ann seconded a motion to approve the calendar. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

19R Bus Route – Resident Duane Johnson appeared to discuss the proposed 19R route changes. He presented information and concerns expressed by a group of residents who are opposed to routing buses through the neighborhood and on the Drive. The Board discussed the information and stressed to Duane that the Board's role is to be sure that all parties have the opportunity to be heard. The Board will not take a position generally on the issue of bus routes through the neighborhood or on the Drive, but did go on record as requesting that the temporary route up Thomas and Upton to 44th be discontinued prior to the start of school at Loring School.

Holiday Lights Prizes – The Board discussed various prize options. **Ann made and Kris seconded a motion to award \$100, \$50, and \$25 as cash prizes, from Unrestricted Funds. Motion carried.**

January Newsletter – The deadline for articles is January 5. Business corner (Matt). Know your Board member featuring Matt. January 28 agenda items. Holiday lights winners. Housing Fair. Garden Party (Diane). Recruiting Youth Corps Coordinator.

December 10 Meeting – Diane will talk about the upcoming Garden Parties. Gary will talk sustainability. Liquor license issue.

Neighborhood Summit – NRP is convening a meeting on February 21, 2009 with neighborhood representatives to discuss the selection process for the neighborhood representatives to the new Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission. The Policy Board has requested that neighborhoods interested in participating submit a resolution agreeing to participate by January 30. If fewer than 60 percent of the neighborhoods commit to this meeting then the meeting will not be held. **John made and Ann seconded a motion to submit a resolution agreeing to participate.** “The Victory Neighborhood accepts the invitation to participate in the process development meeting for selecting representatives to the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission and will send at least one representative for our organization to this session meeting.” **Motion carried.** John volunteered to attend the meeting. The Park Board is also taking applications for its representative. Diane agreed to apply for that position.

Youth Corps Coordinator. A few people have expressed some interest. Debbie will continue to solicit interest.

311. Matt reviewed the 311 report from the city. The Board expressed some skepticism about the rate of case closure. Kris reported that her son experienced a theft and was unable to report it to either the 4th Precinct or 311 because both were closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Board agreed to ask someone from the city to report on 311 at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Spector, Secretary
December 08, 2008