

**ViNA Board of Directors**  
**February 4, 2009**

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

The meeting was held at the ViNA office and was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Matt Massman. Two items were added to the agenda. The amended agenda and the January 7, 2009 minutes were approved by consensus.

**Financial Report** - Ann briefly reviewed the budget and financial reports.

**Committee Reports – Debbie:** Answered questions about her written staff report.

*Events:* Ann reported she is still trying to discuss Live on the Drive with the organizers. They will be having a committee meeting soon.

*Livability:* Kris reported they are planning to have a representative from the Wedge at the Livability Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There has been a great response from people wanting to help with the organization of a co-op.

*Environment:* Diane reported she will have a committee meeting on Saturday. 20 people have signed up so far for the pre-workshop. After the workshop they will be working on enhanced recycling options.

*Housing:* Michael is still working on writing contracts.

*Sustainability:* Gary reported he will have a committee meeting next week.

*Business:* Matt reported that the committee is discussing what revisions need to be made to the existing business façade program to make it compliant with the requirements of the Great Streets grant. Gary is drafting another grant proposal for \$50,000 to work on the marketing “branding” study and some public spaces streetscaping.

**Metrics** – Gary will be contacting all the committee chairs to set up a time to meet to discuss the metrics.

**Hennepin County VMD Task Force** – Debbie talked with Phil Essington, Mike Opat’s aide, about the need to get regular reports. Phil offered to come to a neighborhood meeting. Ann reported that she read that the county is going to hold a public meeting about cross-street closures east of Osseo that is different than the Park Board Master Plan. The Board also asked for an update on the library, and the house on the corner of VMD and Osseo Road.

**Housing Fair** – Victory will have a table. The Board will discuss at the March meeting who will staff, what literature to hand out, and what programs to focus on.

**Food Drive** – The Board discussed opportunities for a food drive as March is food shelf month. Discussed working with the area businesses to offer to promote their business as a drop off site.

**February 25 Meeting** – Phil Essington regarding various county topics. If not the county, then 311.

**Pedestrian Street Lighting** – Gary reported that the City has finally adopted the street lighting policy. Board discussed how to get in line to get pedestrian lighting. Emphasis should start with 44<sup>th</sup> & Penn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:?? pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Spector, Secretary  
February 23, 2009