

ViNA Board of Directors
May 6, 2009

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

The meeting was held at the ViNA office and was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Gary Mortensen. Several items were added to the agenda. The April 1, 2009 minutes were corrected as follows: Ann was noted as seconding motion number 6 under the Housing Committee report. The amended agenda and minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Committee Reports – *Debbie*: Handed out her monthly activity report. Ann noted that no one had submitted their assigned articles for the newsletter so Debbie had to complete the entire newsletter herself.

Events: Ann reported that May 16 is the spring cleaning day; May 21 is the Memorial concert with ritual squad; May 30 is the garage sale and plant swap. Committee is working on movie and concerts for rest of summer.

Livability: Shannon McDonough will be at the next meeting to discuss crime and safety issues.

Environment: Submitted the Community Power grant. Rain gardens are going in this month. Victory garden tour tentatively scheduled for August 2.

Housing: No report.

Sustainability: Committee did not meet. Gary registered ViNA on a website called VolunteerMatch.

Business: Gary reported that the committee had two items of business. Nghia approached the committee and said he would like to purchase an adjacent property and convert it to off-street parking. **Kris made and Ann seconded a motion to support the proposal. Motion carried.**

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission - Debbie reported that the consensus was to set up the districts geographically rather than demographically or on some other basis. The proposal is to follow the old NRP model of designating electors who will then elect the actual commissioners. **John made and Kris seconded a motion to approve the geographic boundary option and the NRP-model. Motion carried.**

IRS Seminar – Both Ann and Debbie attended an IRS seminar for nonprofits. Ann requested that the \$75 remaining in Citizen Participation staff time be reallocated to Community Building. **Ann made and Kris seconded a motion to that effect. Motion carried.** Discussion of various modifications to practices that should be made.

NOMI/Pride Festival – Will be held June 27 and 28. There is some discussion of having a double booth that would cover all the north side neighborhoods. The total cost will likely be \$400 divided among all the participating neighborhoods. **Kris made and Ann seconded a motion to participate and provide up to \$100 from Community Building. Motion carried.**

CONSENT ITEMS

Great Streets Guidelines and Contract – Gary reviewed the draft guidelines that were developed to coordinate the NRP program with the Great Streets program. **Kris made and Ann seconded a motion to approve the guidelines. Motion carried.**

Community Power Grant – Ann made and Kris seconded approval of the Community Powers Grant. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Crime and Safety Contract – There is about \$2,300 left in this contract. If we want we can make minor language changes to expand the types of activities that could be funded, or we can reallocate it to something else. Kris suggested tabling and having the Livability Committee review the language in June and make recommendations.

Communication Policy – Debbie reported that she would like to have a policy related to the type, format, and extent of various communications. Gary volunteered to help get this started, and will look into using Constant Contact.

5 Year Budget Update – Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Stabilization Program – Debbie reported that she has gotten a letter from the city asking for a list from the neighborhood of homes that should be “taken out.” She asked the people who delivered newsletters to report properties that appear to be vacant. The program is intended to demolish vacant, foreclosed, not rehab-able structures. Kris will work with Debbie to review the structures on the list.

“Take Back the Northside” Signs – ViNA will not pursue, but will encourage the interested party to pursue this separately.

Housing Coordinator – More discussion next meeting.

May 27 Meeting – Invite Lt. Sauro to talk about crime and livability issues. Victory 44. Events. Commissioner Stenglein about the library, update on the Drive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Spector, Secretary
June 2, 2009