

ViNA Board of Directors
June 3, 2009

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

Absent:

The meeting was held at the ViNA office and was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Matt Massman. Several items were added to the agenda. The agenda and May 6, 2009 minutes were approved by consensus.

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

Committee Reports – *Debbie*: Handed out her monthly activity report.

Events: Ann reported that the Ice Cream Social is coming up, and Business, Environment, and ViNA will have tables to staff. Committee will be meeting on Saturday to set prices for the pony ride, face painting, etc. Movie will be August 28. Discussed how to finance the movie.

Livability: Ann reported that Shannon McDonagh attended and was not particularly helpful. Discussion of who at the police department is receiving reports of suspicious activity.

Environment: Diane reported that she and Debbie met with the National Park Service and Groundwork to develop an alternate plan for Ryan Lake. Have not yet heard about the Community Power grant.

Housing: No meeting, but the loan program guidelines are going forward with GHMC.

Sustainability: Gary is working on volunteer opportunities, finding projects for potential Target volunteers.

Business: Matt talked with Phil Essington from Commissioner Opat's office. It sounds like the county public works office will be looking at the comprehensive traffic issues in the area. Matt talked to Tom Layten about how to keep this project in the forefront. Kris talked to Steve Mosing, who has the Wenck report. Nick VanGunste will be working on the lights. Will also be looking at a roundabout at the Drive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission – Matt reported that the citywide forum was moved to June 16. Elector voting period will be that night instead of over 2 weeks. John volunteered to be the elector. **Gary made and Michael seconded instruction to John to vote for Matt until he is elected or drops out. Motion carried.** Diane volunteered to be the alternate.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program – Reviewed list of houses that appear to be foreclosed or vacant. John noted he would support reporting the 38xx Penn house as it is an alley house that met a past policy to remove or relocate alley houses. Michael volunteered to review each house. **Gary made a motion that Debbie immediately submit to the city for evaluation for demolition 38xx Penn, 46xx Penn, 42xx Thomas, and 41xx Upton, Ann seconded. Motion carried.**

Victory Memorial Drive Rehab – Diane suggested considering communicating the neighborhood's concern about the process and how it could be improved. The Board discussed the form of the communication. Diane agreed to develop "talking points" that board members can use when talking with officials and staff.

NOMI/Gay Pride Festival – Likely volunteer needs will be one person from each neighborhood for four hours each day. Previously approved up to \$100 from community building for the table. Now it appears that the cost of the table will be less. **Approved purchasing \$25 gift certificates from Papas and Victory 44 as Victory door prizes from miscellaneous funds.**

Home Grown Minneapolis – Debbie reported that there is a resolution before the committee to establish a city coordinator. Discussion, agreed to send the letter as directed at the ViNA meeting last week.

NEW BUSINESS

Victory Park Programming – The request from the Park Board was whether ViNA was interested in extending the contract for programming at Victory Park for an additional two hours 6-8 pm Mon-Thu as was done in 2008. No information is available regarding the value of having staff in the evenings. John pointed out we need to think of this as a crime and safety/livability issue. Having park staff there helps to reduce incidents of bullying, etc. **Ann made and Gary seconded a motion to fund the extra two hours at \$1,472 from youth activities. Motion carried,** Michael voted no.

CLIC Schedule – Traffic signals are in for 2011. Camden Bridge was moved up to 2012. New playground at Webber Park.

NPCR/Seed Grants – Debbie asked if the neighborhood had any need for an intern from CURA. Suggestion, a marketing student to do the branding study. Gary will write a proposal on streetscaping/branding, another on database development.

July 22 Meeting – Victory 44, Lt. Sauro.

Newsletter – Debbie took ideas for the next newsletter, due June 29.

NW Business Association Membership – Cost is \$75. **Michael made and unknown seconded a motion to spend \$75 from unrestricted funds. Motion carried,** John voted no, Kris abstained.

Housing Coordinator – Place on July 1 agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Spector, Secretary
June 29, 2009