

ViNA Board of Directors
July 1, 2009

Present: Ann Kaari, Diane Spector, Kris Brogan, John Trombley, Gary Mortensen, 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 Vice Chair Gary Mortensen. Two items were added to the agenda. The agenda and June 3, 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: Discussed the Ice Cream Social finances, which did better than last year. September 20 is the Grand Rounds bike tour, Victory is an official stop.

Livability: Kris reported that Lt. Sauro will have an officer appear at the next meeting to talk about how the police gather information about drug dealing suspects.

Environment: Diane reported on the Ryan Lake project, the Community Power grant, and the upcoming Garden Tour.

Housing: Debbie reported that her work with GMHC on the new guidelines is ongoing. GMHC has a number of questions about the Green Star program, and recommended a 3% interest rate. They suggested a graduated term, so for the larger loans the term should be more than seven years. Debbie will continue to sort through the issues and work with Michael to address GMHC's issues.

Sustainability: Gary reported on a number of items, including gathering more info for the welcome packets, and considering options for Facebook and other social networking sites.

Business: Didn't meet. Ice Cream Social was great, talked with many people about the 44th/Penn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Waiver of 45 Day Notification – Discussed city response to ViNA's response the last time the city asked the neighborhood to waive its 45 day notification period when a property is going to be acquired. **John made and Ann seconded a motion to have no response to the latest communication. Motion carried.**

VMD Open House – Open House will be held at 6:30 July 15, with a presentation at 6:45. Discussed the proposed closure of the parkway. Discussed how to provide comments. Gary made and John seconded a motion to charge the county for time to set up the chairs. Discussion. Gary withdrew motion. Board will send a followup letter commenting on the proposed plans.

CURA Intern – Gary reported he applied for three interns. A business intern to inventory businesses in the neighborhood, prepare a market scan, identify key businesses, etc. A housing intern to prepare databases, marketing materials, provide educational opportunities, etc. A landscape architecture intern to create landscaping plans for each of the three nodes. CURA has asked which of these is a priority, and if there was an amount we were willing to donate to defray the expenses. The Board consensus is that the housing intern would be the highest priority. **Ann made and Kris seconded a motion to reallocate \$500 from the housing coordinator for the housing intern, \$500 from the phase I traffic study for the landscape architect, and \$500 from the unrestricted funds for the business intern. Motion carried.**

July 22 Meeting – Bike cops, Victory 44, Lt. Sauro, report on VMD Open House and draft resolution, communications options

Housing on Russell – Kris suggested that the owner of the houses be sent a letter noting that his permits were issued in April 2008 and that the community believes he has not met his obligations. Letter to be sent to the Council member and other city staff. Kris will work with the livability committee to draft the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Farmer's Market Proposal –Lara Bollweg presented an update and a proposal to market a grand opening for the farmer's market. Each mini farmers market is getting a \$200 grant to help fund marketing expenses. **Ann made and Gary seconded a motion to expend up to \$300 from unrestricted funds to help the grand opening and the expanded marketing. Motion carried.**

Housing Coordinator Position – Board agreed to table until we hear back from CURA about the intern.

Communication Policy – Matt introduced the concept of expanding options for communicating with residents. Gary presented a number of ideas. Ann expressed concern that anything that is done not burden Debbie, with the goal of streamlining her work.

Rebuilding Together – Debbie reported that ViNA had received a letter from Rebuilding Together, a program to get volunteers to work with low income homeowners to perform building repairs. They are looking to serve a community for a year, and have asked if ViNA is interested in applying to be that community next year. Debbie asked them if Victory and Cleveland could partner up. Consensus to apply.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Spector, Secretary
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