

April 2019 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met April 1, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeanette Colby, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Kyle Leier, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein, Jack Levi, and Will Stensrud; Absent: Angie Erdrich and Mark Brown. Also present: Amanda Vallone, Marc Holtey, Aria Christenson, and 3 neighbors.

The agenda was amended to indicate end of meeting time as 8:30 PM and added agenda items of East Cedar Lake Beach and KNO newsletter. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

City of Minneapolis Update – Shawn Smith

- April Lunch with Lisa will be held on the 24th and guest speakers will discuss the Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan and Vision Zero Initiative. The lunch will be held at St. Thomas, Opus Hall; you may sign-up by email or by calling Lisa's office.
- Leaf, bundled brush, and yard clipping collection begins the week of April 8th
- To collect community input on transportation, the city will be hosting community workshops and 1 online open house in April. For workshop dates, times, and locations, please visit <http://go.minneapolismn.gov/>
- There are openings on several Minneapolis boards and commissions. If interested, please visit minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings

Planning for Annual Gathering and 2019-2020 Elections – Shawn Smith/Angie Erdrich

- The annual KNO meeting will be held on May 6th at 6PM and will take place in the plaza at the Kenwood Recreation Center; if there is inclement weather, the meeting will be held inside.
- Food will be provided by KNO, let us do the grilling! KNO will supply burgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, vegetarian grill options, veggie trays, chips, and drinks. Artrageous will have face-painting and other activities for children.
- Election of board officers for 2019-2020 will take place, if anyone is interested in joining the KNO board, please contact Shawn Smith. KNO is also seeking volunteers and chairpersons for SWLRT, 2020 Parks, Diversity, Community Participation Program, and Fundraising.
- Aria Christenson was introduced to the board; she is a new resident who is interested in becoming a board member

SW Neighborhood Parks Master Plan – Shawn Smith

- Neighborhood outreach on proposed changes to Kenwood Parkway was completed, informational flyers were distributed to all homes on Kenwood Parkway
- KNO sent a response to the park board regarding the SW Neighborhood Parks Master plan, specifically addressing the proposed changes to Kenwood Parkway and Kenwood Park. The response was based upon neighborhood input and feedback
- There are upcoming opportunities for public comment on the park board proposals; to receive emails about events and news, sign up at https://www.minneapolisiparks.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/southwest_service_area_master_plan/

Endorsement of LHNA 2020 Neighborhoods Response – Shawn Smith

- A motion was made to email Minneapolis City Council with the statement: "We ask you to instruct the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to partner in good faith

with neighborhood organizations to revise the document for your consideration at a later date.” The motion was seconded and passed with an unanimous vote.

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

- Treasurer provided an updated report on the budget to include expenses and income. More detailed information is available upon request.

SWLRT Discussion – Shawn Smith

- Joint board meeting with CIDNA was held on March 20th with representatives from SWLRT; approximately 120 people were in attendance and meeting minutes were posted
- One concern generated from the meeting is fire/EMS response time when Cedar Lake Rd will be closed during construction. In talking with the city, the road is not proposed to be closed until 2020. A joint meeting with CIDNA will be scheduled with fire/EMS to better understand the city’s emergency plan and to answer questions
- At the joint meeting, Marion Greene had stated she would provide the names at the Federal Transportation Authority that Met Council is lobbying for full federal support of SWLRT; Shawn Smith will follow-up with Marion and request this information
- A neighbor proposed that KNO board should inquire about having homeowners’ property taxes lowered during SWLRT construction
- A neighbor recommended that homeowners may want to consider having their home appraised prior to construction if their property is not a part of the SWLRT pre-inspection coverage

East Cedar Lake Beach 2019 Programming – Will Stensrud

- A committee meeting will be held on April 18th, location to be determined
- The Park Board has requested that KNO complete a formal stewardship form which will formally recognize KNO’s volunteer efforts at East Cedar Lake Beach and become a part of the Park Steward Program

Bi-Annual Newsletter – Amanda Vallone

- Amanda reviewed the newsletter’s content
- She recommended a new email to reflect the organization’s name change; this new email will be printed in the newsletter
- The newsletter will be completed by April 15th and residents should receive the newsletter approximately April 25th
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The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shawn Smith at 8:49 PM.

Action Between Meetings - All

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2018-2019

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment: SW Parks Master Plan response was approved and submitted to the park board between the March and April 2019 board meetings
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events
- Contract consultant to assist with communication/compliance

Updates: Please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us via our website.

The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on May 6th and is the annual meeting with board elections. It will begin at 6PM and will take place at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should

you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org