

MEETING MINUTES

Jonathan Association Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Chaska City Hall Council Chambers
Chaska, MN 55318
6:30 PM

Board Members present: Nate Bostrom, David Snodgrass, Kelly Cutler, Kristin Alcindor, Nancy Dilks, Linda Frey, Mark Perry

Also present: Nancy Teske and Kirk Gassen of Gassen Management

I. Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by N. Bostrom

II. Designate quorum with 7 of 9 board members present.

III. Motion to adopt Agenda as presented (N. Dilks/K. Alcindor) 7-0

IV. Minutes from May 10.

Motion to accept minutes from public meeting and closed work session (N. Dilks/K. Alcindor) 7-0

V. Open Forum/Visitor Presentation

A. Alice O'Donnell - reference to letter sent to the Board regarding her and her neighbors' opposition to Chaska Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) proposed designation of Jonathan properties as Historic

1. L. Frey notes benefit to homeowners is still unclear

B. Marie Esch - reference to letter sent to the Board regarding her and her neighbors' opposition to HPC proposed designation of Jonathan properties as Historic

1. Also questions benefit of Historic designation of properties to homeowners
2. Requests link to recordings of board meetings be added to Association website,
D. Snodgrass will do this

VI. General Reports

A. President's Report - N. Bostrom

B. Activities Committee - L. Frey

1. July 4th volunteers still needed
2. Music for July 4th parade?
3. National Night Out - each neighborhood may do their own event with up to \$100 reimbursed per neighborhood. Neighborhoods must register with the Association office prior to the event

C. Heritage Committee - N. Bostrom

1. ready to do additional interviews
2. Maria Awes completing grant request submission to cover costs; end of summer/early fall response expected from foundation
3. L. Frey asks if there is an end date for this project, N. Bostrom: TBD

(6:50pm, Brandon Maves joins meeting)

D. Communications Committee

1. Marie Esch requests newsletters online
2. L. Frey asks about neighborhood correspondents, D. Snodgrass: no change
3. D. Snodgrass asks what content is appropriate to website, N. Bostrom: discuss in next month's work session
4. N. Teske: summer issue of newsletter has gone to print, July 4th postcards are ready

E. Buildings and Grounds Committee - N. Bostrom: covered by Management report later

F. Architectural Review Committee - no new reports

G. Treasurer's Report - M. Perry

1. month to date income is above budget, YTD a little low
2. legal expense largest over budget
3. B. Maves asks about Deferred Association Fees - K. Gassen will check with controller
4. B. Maves asks about change in Contract Hire expense - Personnel change, will be discussed in closed session
5. B. Maves asks about change in insurance expense - rate change (decrease)

H. Management Report

1. Boulevard tree replacement in progress
2. Neighborhood One boulder work to replace retaining wall begins June 20
3. Henry Park work to begin first week of July
4. Storage shed in final phases
5. Karen House parking lot should be completed before July 4th, weather permitting
6. Autumn Woods Julian Drive pond aerator - current aerator relocated to smaller pond and replaced
7. Engler Rd. Clover Ridge Entrance monument replacement on hold due to City project
8. N. Bostrom asks if website is up to date with calendar, D. Snodgrass: No.

VII. Old Business

A. July 4th

1. bouncy house, face painters, magician, Chaska Fire Department, trinket table, popcorn, ice cream truck
2. Fun Run - Bruce Koprucki
3. Parade - Marsh Halberg

B. CAI-MN Event - annual meeting

C. Troop 589 - May 24th annual year end awards, award presented to Jonathan

D. 501c3 filing in progress; sent to Hellmuth for review

E. Capital Projects

1. Neighborhood 5 and Neighborhood 11 totlots on hold until next year
2. Added 6x60 cement apron to garage door. Since gutters rejected by HPC, went with cement apron due to less impact on cement than asphalt.

F. Chaska Heritage Preservation Committee

1. N. Bostrom recaps from previous meeting of HPC proposed designation; will have secret ballot vote
2. Motion: Jonathan Board will conduct private vote on matter of Ciy of Chaska's HPC proposal to designate portions of Jonathan as Historic Districts/Properties. (D. Snodgrass/B. Maves) 8/0
3. M. Perry - not enough information to support designation
4. L. Frey - do not know what portions HPC wishes to designate. Opposed to based on current information/lack thereof
5. B. Maves - agree with Perry & Frey, additionally, the Jonathan Association does not meet his criteria for historic, for example, Gettysburg; also concerned with additional restrictions this could impose on materials usage
6. L. Frey - this is not history as much as heritage, but the continued use of old materials, ie, wood siding, would not be part of the legacy of McKnight
7. N. Dilks - some of these early buildings were not even well built
8. D. Snodgrass - sustainability would be part of McKnight's vision; this designation does not support sustainability
9. L. Frey - example: replacement of railroad ties in Neighborhood One with stone would be opposed by HPC and the City does not even allow use of those anymore
10. K. Alcindor concurs. Also concerned with additional procedures and paperwork for homeowners that would be encountered when trying to make home improvements.
11. K. Cutler agrees; there still has not been a case made for how this will benefit our homeowners
12. N. Bostrom adds that existing Historic District properties in Chaska have had significant financial expenses due to their designation. We do not know what the unintended consequences of this might be. No information about how homeowners are impacted. This seems like a rushed implementation by HPC.
13. B. Maves asks what the return on investment is. (Unknown)
14. Motion: Is the Jonathan Board in favor of working with the City of Chaska HPC to designate portions of Jonathan as Historic District (M. Perry/L. Frey) - unanimous vote - No.

G. Land Swale

1. M. Perry - concrete swale already in plan, changed from concrete to vegetative swale - minimum maintenance native prairie plantings
2. N. Bostrom asks what are the implications of this change to Planning Commission, HPC, City approvals
3. Motion to present City with vegetative swale to handle water rather than concrete

- swale previously approved by City (M. Perry/D. Snodgrass) motion passed 8/0
4. N. Teske will forward to City

VIII. New Business

- A. Audobon Boulevard maintenance - common area owned and maintained by City; complaints from residents that maintenance is not frequent enough and request Jonathan Association instead maintain this property
 1. D. Snodgrass asks if we do this in other areas
 2. M. Perry would like to clarify ownership for future maintenance
 3. B. Maves would like Association to supplement current City maintenance schedule rather than take it over
 4. M. Perry - as the City funding allows and the City has time to take care of this, they should
 5. L. Frey - what is the precedence of doing this? What are the implications?
 6. D. Snodgrass - mutual benefit for work by City in other areas
 7. K. Cutler agrees with others' concerns
 8. N. Bostrom asks if Association should do this for just this season
 9. M. Perry address this again with the City next year
 10. Motion: Jonathan Association will partner with the City of Chaska to maintain the City property from the west side of Audobon Road/Butternut to Pioneer Trail and west along Pioneer Trail, stopping at the Jonathan walking trail located on the north side of Pioneer Trail with mowing, weed whipping and weed control for the remainder of the 2011 maintenance season. (B. Maves/D. Snodgrass) 8/0
 11. L. Frey - partner means the City will still come out on their regular schedule
 12. N. Bostrom - need to include this in budget discussion for 2012
 13. D. Snodgrass - may be able to swap with City for maintenance of other areas in Jonathan

- IX. Motion to Adjourn at 8:35 p.m. - (M. Perry/B. Maves) motion passed 8-0