NNRC May 21, 2019 7-9pm Minutes

Attendees: Ralph Knox, Ryan Brown, Nathan Campeau, Marya Morstad, Lara Norkus-Crampton, Harvey Zuckman, Sally Hed Dahlquist, Anne Chase, Deb Jessen, Terry Harris

Welcome / Introductions

- Attendees, see above

Approve agenda

- Approved, with addition of sub-bullet under “Second Postcard” of “Verification Process” (first bullet)

Approve previous NNRC minutes

- Confirmed two key motions approved:
  1. Postcard will read:
     - Please vote for one:
     - YES, I vote to change the name of “East Calhoun Community Organization”
     - NO, I vote to keep the name of “East Calhoun Community Organization”
  2. Residents will be allowed to cast a vote by postcard, online, or in-person

Second Postcard

- Verification Process:
  - Discussion about balance between providing verification and access to vote
  - Motion made that ballot should include name, address, and signature
  - Discussion about whether we should require email address or phone
  - Should state that name and address are required on postcard
  - Should the postcard state that the vote is advisory and decision rests with Board? Ralph will bring that question to the Board
  - Motion to amend the original motion that the language on the ballot be clear that name, address, and signature is required
  - Amended motion passes to require (and clearly state that this information is required) name, address, and signature on ballot

- Postcard language discussion
  - Motion made that postcard should include name suggestion (regardless of how the individual votes)
  - Concern about adding a leading question
  - Harvey suggested making the question, “Do you have any comments?”
  - Concern was raised about asking for comments
  - Motion amended to add a line, “Comments/ideas”, motion carries

- Postcard size discussion
  - Discussion about the cost of postcard vs. first class stamp
  - General agreement that we won’t worry about the size of the postcard

- Postcard instruction panel
o Harvey stated that the postcard should keep note about 18 years or older in 2 locations as shown now, general agreement
o General agreement to eliminate most headings and bulletize for space considerations
o Discussion that in-person voting should have a ballot box for privacy
o East Calhoun Community Organization held three community meetings in May 2019 to hear from residents about the name of our neighborhood. We encourage you to review information and comments from these meetings at eastcalhoun.org/neighborhood-name-review [APPROVED, with website bolded]

Eligibility: Residents of East Calhoun*, must be 18 years of age [APPROVED]

* Your residence must be located in the area that is south of Lake Street, west of Hennepin Avenue, north of 36th Street, and east of Bde Maka Ska/Lake Calhoun [APPROVED]

Requirement: The ballot must include your name, address, and signature to be counted as a valid vote. [APPROVED]

Motion made to change “ECCO” on headings to “East Calhoun Community Organization”. Friendly amendment to change “ECCO” under voting requirements to “neighborhood”, friendly amendment not accepted, but changed to “East Calhoun”. APPROVED. (amended above)

Voting Options: Vote by postcard, online, or in-person. Each resident may only vote once. [APPROVED, this bullet will include information about how to vote online and in-person once that is figured out. ADD text after postcard about “postage required”. ADD text after in-person about location at St. Mary’s and time, between hours of x and x. ADD link to website for voting]

Voting Deadline: Votes must be received by XXXXX, 2019 [APPROVED]

Final section: [APPROVED]
  § What’s Next:
  § The ballots will be counted by a three-person panel appointed by the East Calhoun Community Organization Board. Your ballot will remain confidential.
  § Insert lines from script:
    • If the majority of votes cast are in favor....
    • If the majority of the votes cast are to keep...
  § The results of the vote will be announced

Next meeting

  • Tuesday, May 28 7-9pm

Adjourn

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