Minutes

Board Members Attending: Bridget Allan Ales, Abhi Andley, Jacob Collings, Ellen Eichten, Andy Gesell, Liz Gibba, Hayden Howland, Gary Huffman, David Kratz, Sonja Mason, Pat McMorrow, Shannon O’Toole, Peter Rhodes, Andy Rorvig, Susan Schultz, Anthony Swichtenberg

Members of the Public Attending: Connie DeLage, Jason Koenig

1. No additions to the Agenda.

2. The Board approved the Minutes for the June 14, 2018, meeting without addition or correction.

3. New Business:

   3.1 Connie DeLage, ED of GABA reported that it was a successful Grand Old Day. Wrist band sales were down the day of the event but high presales. The police reported 0 calls or arrests, and Connie had no messages on her GABA phone. They estimate attendance of 200,000, which is average. Paws on Grand is August 5. Connie asked to come before the board in November for next year’s Grand Old Day.

   3.2 Jason Koenig, chair of the 2018 House Tour updated the board. There are nine houses and he strongly encouraged members to help obtain one more house. The Committee is meeting weekly. All board members must participate, and he encouraged all to be house captains.

4. Action Item. Hyacinth. Shannon reported that ZLU recommends that the board approve Hyacinth’s liquor license application. Hyacinth is going in at Golden Fig’s former space and will have an Italian theme, seat 30, have a small bar, and according to the city, requires no parking. Motion made and approved to recommend that the city approve Hyacinth’s full liquor license request.

5. Committee Reports

Development Committee. Hayden thanked members who worked the wrist band sales at Grand Old Day; more than $540 in tips received. The next development event (other than the House Tour) is the Progressive Dinner the first weekend in November.

Environment Committee. Susan showed the painting that will be on loan at the rec enter and she passed around the thank you notes from Linwood School from the Rain Garden maintenance/field day. Susan also read a letter from Great River Greening in which it agreed with the city that the city could not restore and maintain the Sam Morgan Prairie, and it endorsed
the city’s idea that the strip of land between the parking lot and rec center would be a better place for a prairie. Shannon recommended that SHA not pursue that idea and that it simply remove the sign. Monica said that a neighbor offered to contribute $500 for a new sign. Andy directed the committee to decide what it recommends in terms of prairie.

**Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee.** Bridget reported that the parabolic mirror project will need to be pared to about 5 locations because they cannot find mounting spots and Xcel will not allow them to use utility poles.

**Communication and Outreach Committee.** Due to unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances, things are a bit behind, but e newsletter coming out 7-13-18, and The Summit going to the printer on the weekend.

**Zoning and Land Use Committee.** Shannon reported that the city has located the conditions of Brueggers’ variance which required Brueggers to have shared, off street parking per arrangement with an entity with a lot. Coconut Thai’s construction appears to be on hold, and the city is looking for answers. ZLU will hold a meeting on July 19 at which the city will discuss the new Accessory Dwelling Unit program; check details on line. Discussion about timing and publication of notice of the meeting to neighbors and the notice function SHA provides as the district planning council.

**Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan.** The Committee continues to work on data gathering.

6. **Treasurer Report.** Chris Trost is out, a CPA firm is in at the same cost. Nothing but a balance sheet this month.

7. **GABA Report.** Andy G reported GABA has a new website. GABA surveyed its members regarding the $15/hour minimum wage and received mixed response which has been sent to the Business Review Council. There will be a *Guide to Grand* out in time for the House Tour.

8. **ED Report.** Monica reported that we have been granted $6700 for “equity” and the various EDs around the city are trying to figure out how to spend their stipends in ways that render measurable results. The potential also exists for 3 times that amount of money as the mayor has approached two foundations for grants. Suggestions for spending these sums include a renters’ forum, a mural on the new green wall on the Linwood addition – which is offensive to some and loved by SPPS. SPPS likes the mural idea but it cannot be permanent, i.e., needs to be a big poster. Last idea is some sort of resumption of the block nurse program.

9. **President’s Report.** Michael Hartoonian has stepped down, Michael Stone will step up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.