Minutes

Present
1. Bridget Allan Ales
2. Denise Aldrich
3. Abhi Andley
4. Jacob Colling
5. Jeremy Dowd
6. Andy Gesell
7. Hayden Howland
8. Mark Lindley
9. Bruceanne Phillips
10. David Kratz
11. Sonja Mason
12. Peggy Reichert
13. Peter Rhoades
14. Susan Schultz
15. Rachael Spiegel
16. Peter Stitzel

1. Additions to the Agenda 7:02pm
   - No additions to the agenda
   - George Gause is unable to attend so his report was removed, but his presence is requested for the May meeting.
   - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker was unable to attend, and she was removed from the agenda.

2. Approval of the Past Minutes (March) 7:03pm
   - IRS: 2015-2016
   - Motion: Peter moved to approved past minutes with the changes to the IRS audits to the years for 2015 – 2016, seconded by Jeremy

3. Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

4. George Gause, Historic Preservation

5. Election of Secretary 7:05 p.m.
   Action Item
   - Only one nomination was received for a Board of Director to become a Secretary and that was for Peggy Reichert.
• **Motion**: Jacob Colling moved for Peggy Reichert to become the new secretary, Mark Lindley seconded. A voice vote was taken and a majority were for and with no nayes.

6. **Treasurer Report**

- Received money from St. Paul for 2017 in the amount of about $30,000.
- SHA currently has approximately $105,000 in cash with a couple thousand dollars in the receivables for the revenue generated by the newsletter.
- The expenses were normal for this past reporting time period.

6. **Committee Reports**

- **Bylaws Committee**
  - The Chair, Rachel, discussed that the bylaw committee met in early April 2019 to discuss suggestions to the bylaws for the SHA Board of Directors to consider. The committee performed an initial read through of the bylaws for key areas that need updated. The committee also created a proposed agenda for the bylaws updated and submitted in time for the annual October meeting.
  - In May the committee will have a spot on the agenda for the SHA Board of Directors to discuss the proposed bylaw changes.
  - By late May SHA should finalize the edits to the bylaws.
  - The proposed bylaw changes will then be sent for review by outside counsel, Jess Byrken, by late May.
  - The formal revised version of the SHA bylaws will then be submitted the SHA bylaw committee in the summer.
  - The goal is that the bylaws are finalized and revised by late July and August so the bylaws can be reviewed by the Summit Hill neighborhood online before the annual meeting.
  - The bylaw changes will then be voted on at the annual meeting.

- **Development Committee**
  - Bruceanne: Progressive Dinner on first Saturday in May 2019.
  - The checks for annual contributions have come in at approximately $150 during this last reporting period.

- **Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan Committee**
  - Grand Avenue Tasks Force --- “The Future is Grand”, is meeting every 2 weeks there are 16 or 18 members to discuss and develop a plan regarding Grand Ave.
    - April 10, 2019 was the first meeting of the Task Force.
    - The Task Force is focusing on vacancies on Grand Ave. and to gather as much information from businesses, landlords, and residents about the vacancies. Eventually, the Task Force will make recommendations about action items such as zoning study.
    - The Task Force’s goal is to have, by August, 4 or 5 action items to share to Councilmember Noecker who can then share the recommendations with the City Council.
    - All Task Force meetings are open to the public.
  - There was discussion about a zoning study and market trends in our neighborhood and potentially hiring a firm to help determine the market trends in our neighborhood.

- **Zoning & Land Use Committee**
  - 7:36 p.m.
A new zoning variance request was received for 1136 Grand, Seasoned Specialty Food market, as the business wants to add seating for a deli so people can eat in its market.

The 770 Grand Rezoning was approved by the St. Paul city council.

The two variance requests for 5 Heather Place were approved by the St. Paul City council despite the ZLU requesting for additional time to consider the second variance requests.

- The first variance request was to split the lot and the second variance request was to build a garage next to the existing residential structure along with the lot split.

The variance request to split the lot at 940 Goodrich was recommended to be approved by the ZLU.

Lunds and Byerlys purchased the Grand Ave. Property (791 Grand Ave.) in hopes it can build a grocery store with residential apartments above it.

- Percentages of approved/disapproved/neutral of the plans was provided by Lunds to SHA
- GABA sent a letter supporting the project but outlining its concerns in the project.
- SHA has also been proactive in this matter and will express our concerns with the project before it goes to the City or the ZLU for requests in order to help influence the design choices Lunds may make to the building.

**Environment Committee** 7:52

- The City wide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019.
- The Plant Sale is in full swing and neighborhood residents can pre-order the plants from the form in the most recent Summit Newsletter.
- The Committee is looking for volunteers to unload plants on Friday, May 3, 2019, from 1 – 5 p.m.
- The Committee received small grant from Allina Health – charitable contribution – for events in conjunction with the community garden to work with the elementary for the community gardens. The produce from the gardens will be donated to the Woman Advocates home on Grand Ave.

**Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee** 7:55

- The Committee received the paperwork to install/pay for the mirrors. They will have forms for community members to fill out to apply to receive a mirror. These mirrors are to be installed on an owner’s property where a sidewalk and street/driveway/allewayway intersect. The hope is to help pedestrians and drivers see each other.
- SHA has enough grant money to provide approximately 35 mirrors to individuals and the mirrors can be installed by a SHA retained handy-man at no cost to the mirror applicant. However, the mirror applicant can also apply to receive the mirror and install the mirror her/himself.
- The prioritization for awarding these mirrors will be on high traffic pedestrian areas.

**Communications & Outreach Committee** 8:03

- Mark Lindley is the new Chair
  - He is studying, researching, and learning about SHA and the committee.
  - He has ideas to help enhance the website and e-newsletter.
- The newsletter went to printer for 2 weeks prior to it being sent to the committee, which seemed to be a long time period for a newsletter.
6. **ED report-** 8:06

- The garage sale, plant sale, and progressive dinner are all on the same day.
  - The Director will need help on May 3, 2019, to assist the neighborhood garage sale.
  - On Sat., May 3, 2019, the Executive Director would like to have SHA members go to the garage sales and thank them for participating in the annual event.
- **Grand Ole Day – June 2, 2019**
  - Instead of working beer garden, SHA members will be working in the information tent.
  - This would give us a straight $1,500, and the members would not need to attend any training, unlike a beer garden. We would have to have 12 people on staff at this booth at all times.

7. **President’s Report** 8:11 pm

- The final SHA book club is April 23, 2019, at 7 p.m., for the book named, “The Hate You Give”. The book club has been extremely successful and there are talks of additional ones being held in the future.

**Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.**