Meeting Minutes

1. Additions to the Agenda
   • Peter announced that there will be a board election in August to fill one board vacancy

2. Approval of the Past Minutes
   • Corrected the spelling of Renee’s name in the June 2020 Meeting Minutes; Denise moved to approve the June meeting minutes with small correction and Mark seconded; meeting minutes passed unanimously with Sonja abstaining since she was not present at the June 2020 meeting.

3. Public Comment
   • A community member named Patricia who is on a St. Paul environmental committee listened in on tonight’s meeting with hopes increasing facilitation between her environmental committee and SHA.

4. Committee Reports
   • Development Committee
     o No updates
   
   • Environment Committee (Karrie Knutson)
     o July 18 2020 the environmental committee will host a community cleanup on Grand Ave. Group will meet in the Dixie’s parking lot at 9am commence clean-up.

   • Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee (Bridget Ales)
     o Installed three hyperbolic mirrors in different locations on alleyways parallel to Grand Ave. Mirrors have been well received by the community.
     o Plan is to order more mirrors and committee will follow up with community members who have requested mirrors to be installed around the neighborhood.
     o Committee is also picking up signs to display the new reduced speed limits being imposed by St. Paul. The signs will be available on Monica Haas’ front porch.
       ▪ New speed limits are going into effect in August 2020.

   • Communications & Outreach Committee (Mark Lindley)
     o Newsletter update: we have 10 ads for the newsletter and businesses have responded favorably to SHA’s offer of free ads. Committee is finishing up the articles and it is scheduled to go to print in the next few weeks. Deadline to submit content for newsletter is July 15.
     o SHA is working with St. Cate’s Mapping Prejudice Project to map out restrictive covenants on house deeds/titles throughout St. Paul. Committee is hoping to have a call with St. Cates in the next few weeks to participate in project.
• **Zoning and Land Use Committee** (Denise Aldrich)
  o ZLU has been meeting every two weeks to work on SHA’s future response to the City’s proposal to remove parking restrictions throughout the city.
  o There have been no new zoning variance applications submitted recently.

• **Neighborhood Comp Plan Committee** (David Kratz)
  o Received two consulting proposals for the Comp Plan analysis. The committee plans to review both proposals next week to make a recommendation for which proposal the Board should go with.
  o The committee will meet next Wednesday to review both proposals, will send an email recommendation and motion for the Board to vote on proposals to engage consultants. A motion will be submitted to the Board for an email vote late next week for the Board to vote on.

• **Policies and Procedures Committee** (Mike King)
  o The committee will meet the week of July 20th to begin the revision of policies and procedures.

• **House Tour Committee** (Holly Geck/Monica Haas)
  o SHA has been speaking with Ramsey Hill Association of doing a joint house tour in 2021.
  o Both associations need to draft a mutual agreement outlining the financial splits between the two organizations. Costs and profits will be split 50/50 between the organizations.
  o Monica is meeting with our outside non-profit attorney on 7/10 to draft the joint agreement. Ramsey and SHA will pay 50/50 in drafting the agreement with outside counsel.
  o Current ticket holders for the previously scheduled 2020 House Tour will be told they can either get a refund on their ticket sales or ticket holders can roll their tickets over to the joint 2021 Joint House Tour.

• **Racial Equity Committee** (Rene Meyer-Grimberg)
  o Requested that more Board members participate in the book club to discuss racial equity issues on Tuesday, July 14 at 7pm via Zoom.
  o Discussed a number of projects/events that the committee could do to promote racial equity justice. The committee will have additional recommendations for activities for Board members and community members can participate in.
  o Kerrie Knutson approached her acquaintance Melvin Collins about hosting an hour long Zoom call to discuss/encourage/support diversity within the Summit Hill neighborhood. Melvin Collins is going to send Kerrie times for the Zoom call.

5. **Treasurer’s Report** (Abhi Andley)
   - We continue to work on recasting budget as a two-year budget (instead of the current one-year budget).
   - We have a comfortable cash cushion in our operating budget but have a number of outstanding/unknown budgeting issues re: house tour, etc. moving forward.
• SHA has received PPE loan and we need to begin process of requesting forgiveness for the
  loan.
• Received letter from IRS in response to past SHA payroll tax issues that SHA has been
  attempting to resolve. The letter from the IRS stated SHA owes penalties in relation to 2015
  payroll issues. SHA will work with outside accountant to understand whether we can contest
  that amount and work with IRS to get this issue resolved.
• Financials for June 2020 have been forwarded to the Board for review.

6. Executive Director’s report (Monica Haas)
   • Monica had a meeting with Park and Rec to discuss when Linwood Rec Center will re-open.
     Parks and Rec will not open all Rec centers at once, they will open on a rolling basis. It
     doesn’t look like SHA will regain access to its office at the Rec center until 2021. We are
     currently paying $181/month in rent.
   • Discussed the possibility of looking for alternative office space, but office needs to be located
     in the district and open to the public. Right now, working from home is tenable for Monica,
     but may need to have additional discussions moving forward in the future if pandemic
     continues.
   • Denise made motion that because Monica is working from home due to COVID and until Rec
     center is opened, SHA provide Monica with a stipend to pay for internet on a temporary
     basis. Bridget seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously by the Board.

7. President’s Report
   • No additional updates.

Board Members and Staff in Attendance:
Peter Rhoades
Denise Aldrich
Mark Lindley
Rachael Spiegel
James Slegers
Karrie Knutson
Mike King
Bridget Ales
Hillary Parsons
Jason Betchkal
Abhi Andley
David Kratz
Simon Taghoiff
Rene Meyer-Grimberg
Jeremy Dowd
Sonja Mason
Anne O’Callaghan
Holly Geck