Meeting Minutes

1. Additions to the Agenda
   • Add update regarding GABA developments

2. Approval of the Past Minutes (May)
   • Small correction regarding the amount of food collected
     o Denise Aldrich moved to approve the minutes with one correction
     o Hillary Parsons seconded the motion
     o Minutes were unanimously approved

   a. What have we done, what are we doing?
      i. Peter gave updates on what board is doing to affect social change in light
         of George Floyd murder and community impacts:
         1. Food Drives
         2. Racial Covenants Project
         3. Book Club
         4. Podcast / Discussions: Renee gave an overview of the podcast
            discussions regarding white privilege; there have been 5 podcast
            discussions and she plans to continue these discussions moving
            forward
   b. Moving Forward – Proposed Action (monthly focus, special subcommittee)
      i. Peter requested the board consider establish a subcommittee to continue
         the boards role in affecting change regarding social justice within the SHA
         neighborhood.
         1. There was discussion about ways to increase diversity of board
            membership
         2. Discussed forming a subcommittee that can report to the board on
            a monthly basis to formulate action items regarding
            a. Long-term: How the board is structurally representing the
               diversity within our community
            b. Short-term: The immediate affects of economic injustice
               and poverty amongst minority populations in which SHA
               can affect change
            c. Renee: entered a motion to create a working group
               regarding Equity and Justice; Jeremy Siegers seconded the
               motion and it passed unanimously
               i. Renee volunteered to head the committee
               ii. Hillary, Karrie and Peter all volunteered to sit on
                   committee; there is also a group of community
members who participate in the SHA book club that have also expressed interest in participating in such a committee

4. Crime Issues
   a. Rebecca Noecker has set up a meeting on Tuesday, 6/30 at 5:30pm with St. Paul police to explain updates regarding increased robbery/car thefts and what community members can do to avoid crime situations

5. Committee Reports
   - Policies and Procedures Committee
     o No update
   - Development Committee / House Tour
     o Holly Geck gave update:
       ▪ 2020 SHA house tour is out this year due to COVID-19—Holly has called all homes that signed up for 2020 tour and told them that the tour has been postponed
       ▪ Ramsey Hill has offered to do a joint house tour with SHA in 2021 and sharing resources/splitting expenses to put on a bigger house tour; after the 2021 tour happens, Ramsey Hill and SHA can decide how each organization moves forward
     o Katie Bergstrom made motion to (1) officially cancel the 2020 SHA house tour, (2) offer people who have already purchased tickets can either donate their ticket funds to SHA or request a reimbursement and (3) authorize Monica and Holly to pursue a partnership with Ramsey Hill to do a joint SHA house tour partnership for 2021 with a minimum profit split between the two organizations of 50/50 split
       ▪ Karrie Knutson seconded the motion and motion was unanimously approved.
   - Neighborhood Comprehensive Plan Committee
     o Update from David Kratz: SHA received a $12,500 grant from the City, and in total we have around $19,000 to spend on putting together a neighborhood comp plan
     o Grant is required to be spent by year-end
     o Currently getting quotes from consultants for putting together a comp. plan and expect to bring a proposal of which consultant we should go with at the July board meeting
   - Zoning & Land Use Committee
     o Denise Aldrich: ZLU has decided as a group to provide well researched feedback to the city regarding parking zoning proposed changes; committee is taking its time to formulate its recommendations; in the meantime, ZLU is going to send the City a list of questions/action items to include in the City’s over impact report and expect to submit formal comments to the City in September
     o Simon Taghioff gave n brief update regarding proposed city-wide zoning change discussions with City zoning committee
   - Environment Committee
     o No updates
   - Pedestrian Safety/Traffic Calming Committee
     o Bridget Ales: Speed limits are going to be lowered in St. Paul and Minneapolis to 20 mph on residential streets; Grand Ave 25 mph and Lexington Ave will stay at 30mph; City is working to re-sign neighborhoods, which is expected to be complete in August 2020.
- Alleyway mirrors are going up the weekend of 6/27

**Communications & Outreach Committee**
- Mark Lindley: discussed how St. Cates is interested in working with SHA to develop a history on why covenants exist and how they’ve been destructive—Mark and Monica are going to have a call to discuss further collaboration
- Summer newsletter is getting wrapped up—this is SHA’s “COVID History” Newsletter so we can preserve what has happened in our neighborhood during this time
- Next Sunday E-Newsletter will be this Sunday and include crime updates, food drives and updates on Ayde Mill Road

6. **Treasurer Report**
- Ahbi Andley—doing some work over the next few weeks to re-cast budget for the remainder of the year due to COVID-19 and to outline a new two year budget to operate off of moving forward; SHA’s City grant was finally signed off on by the City and SHA can now submit expenses for reimbursement from the City

7. **ED report**
- No additional reports

8. **President’s Report**
- Monica is working a lot with other ED’s from district counsels to establish best practices; provided update on Summer Intern activities—Alistar is soliciting Grand Ave businesses to turn in ads for the summer newsletter and she expects him to also work on house tour sponsorships
- Monica requested a motion to give GABA money for boarding up businesses due to recent riots
  - Ahbi Andley put forth motion for SHA to reimburse GABA $500 to contribute the direct purchase of plywood; seconded motion James Sieger seconded motion; motion passed with one opposition

Board Members and Staff in Attendance:
- Karrie Knutson
- Peter Rhodes
- James Siegers
- Hillary Parsons
- Katie Bergstrom
- Bridget Ales
- David Kratz
- Simon Taghioff
- Abhi Andley
- Holly Geck
- Mark Lindley
- Jane McClure
- Denise Aldrich
- Rene Meyer-Grimberg
- Rachael Spiegel
• Monica Haas