Bancroft Neighborhood Association
Thursday, February 4, 2021

Present: Pat Siebert, Neal Baxter, Keith Twist, Brian Fanelli, Nolan Morice, Peter Caldwell, Malaika Hankins, Satish Desai, Madison Ceelen; Luke Stultz, Executive Director

Because of the corona virus pandemic, this meeting was held as a video conference via Zoom.

President Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Approving the Minutes
Nolan moved the minutes for the January meeting; Satish seconded. Approved.

Luke's Report
I sent the Financial Report for 2020 to everyone in an e-mail. This is the preliminary report, and may change slightly before I turn it in to the City.

Luke then went through the report in some detail. Items to be aware of included:

Home energy audits, formerly a BNA program, were adopted by the City. The City will pay for all home energy audits for households earning less than $100,000 per year. Every house in Minneapolis needs to have an energy audit quote before it can be sold.

The report shows that BNA lost $789.40 in 2020. This is because we no longer administer the Great Streets grant as we once did. We can apply for that duty again in March.

Satish: Will this small deficit grow next year, due to Genola's salary, or something else?

Luke: No. Salaries are re-imbursted by the City. Next, I'll frame a budget, which COVID will make rather challenging.

Brian: I'd like to discuss and plan our priorities for the next year or two, then plan a budget that reflects those priorities.

The Board discussed when we might have that budget and planning meeting.

Luke: Most of our programs are re-imbursted by the City, so they don't affect our budget. Food is an expense that we have to bear ourselves.

Pat: Can we solicit ideas from our neighbors?

Luke: Sure, I can send out a survey.

Outreach Committee
The Book Club has attracted 4 or 5 neighbors who want to read the book. Luke sent them a copy, and the Book Club will meet on Monday evenings from February 8 to March 1.

Brian: Has anyone signed up for the snow sculpture contest?

Luke: Not yet (and he checked his e-mail). No. Also, an e-newsletter group has formed.

Brian: I have nothing to say about the snow clearance idea for this year, and we should start planning for next winter at this point. Our next step, I think, is to get a quote for the insurance on an hours estimate (which is what the lawyer we talked with mentioned), how many hours needed to get the work done. Then we can figure out what this scheme will cost in worker's compensation and liability.

Luke: Traveler's Insurance, BNA's firm, told me $150 per person is their flat fee for worker's compensation.

Brian: I estimate that clearing the corners will take 255 hours per season.

Luke: I'll double check the workman's comp and liability costs with 255-300 hours in mind.

Luke: There will be a food drive at George Floyd Square on February 6. Also, Calvary Church is hosting a multi-faith prayer meeting on March 8, the day the Floyd trial is scheduled to begin.

Brian: I'm on a call with Council Member Jenkins about a rent stabilization initiative we're trying to put on the ballot. She expressed support for the idea. Can we facilitate a conference call about that?

Satish: What have you asked the City about our electric lawn tool rebate idea?

Luke: The City's issue with it is that the owner can take the tool out of the city if they move. A home improvement program enhances the city, not only the owner.

Satish: We can consider doing this with BNA's own funds.

Brian moved to adjourn; Neal seconded. Approved, and adjourned at 8:20 PM.