

JORDAN AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
2009 James Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Board Meeting
February 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

The following board members were present:

Chair M. Browne, V.Chair P.J.Hubbard, Treasurer R. Hodson, Secretary
A.McCandless, T.Jaramillo, D.Rother, T.Heintz, D.Haddy, K. Reitman, V.Monroe

The following board members were absent with no excuse:

E.B. Brown, S. Hartfiel, S.Jackson, B.Myers, R.Wilson

The agenda was approved with the withdrawal of under new business of the Phase I Plan Modification by Mr. Hubbard.

A presentation of certificates to two Henry High school students who have been helping out at the JACC office was tabled. Mr. Hubbard stated they could not make it tonight.

The minutes from the January, December board meetings were approved with corrections. The minutes from the Executive Committee meetings of Jan 17 and 24 were approved. The minutes from the telephone resolution for Franklin Bank was approved.

Ms. McCandless mentioned the passing of Lorna Hanson, a long time Jordan resident and aide to at least three of our City Council members. After a long battle with breast cancer, Lorna still had her neighbors in her thoughts. She asked that all donations be given to the Jordan Area Community Council. By the night of the board meeting, we had received \$120 in donations. Ms. McCandless will be passing our thanks on to her friends and family.

The Finance Report was presented by Mr. Hodson. Our current bank balance is \$32,494.02. Since gaining access to the account, numerous bills have been paid to bring JACC up to date. There are several disbursements which Mr. Hodson has not yet been able to identify. It will cost JACC \$400 to disconnect the Sprint account. Mr. Hodson advised that several changes at the bank had been made to insure the safety of our accounts. For instance, it now takes two signatures on checks over \$1500 and to take out a mortgage.

Until we get the financial records, it will be hard to come up with more than a rough idea of our financial situation. Even then, JACC is in a bad financial and needs to raise funds ASAP. We definitely will not make it through the year or be able to hire any staff until

we get more funding to cover operating costs. A motion was made by K. Reitman and seconded by D.Haddy to accept the finance report. It was accepted unanimously.

Mr.Hodson stated that he wanted to get a Finance Committee appointed tonight and to have them start working on a budget and financial plan. The chair of the Finance Committee, by the by-laws, is the treasurer of the board, Mr. Hodson. Other board members who volunteered are P.J.Hubbard, Tyrone Jaramillo, and Anne McCandless. Two members also volunteered to participate; Dorothy Titus and Pete Rickmeyer. A motion was made by Mr. Haddy and seconded by Mr. Heintz to accept the Finance Committee members. It was accepted unanimously.

The Housing Committee meeting was given by Mr. Rother. He presented six recommendations from the committee.

Motion #1; to restructure the current no-interest loan program for exterior improvements currently managed by Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) to all expanding the program to include all three cluster projects; Cottage Park, 27th & Penn and 25th & James. To inform NHS of the change and request updated information be created to reflect the change. This will be monitored with NHS and necessary recommendations for changes will be brought back to the board in six months. This program is limited to \$1000 per home and \$50,000 in total from Phase I funding. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion #2; to support the applications of NHS and Powderhorn Residents Group (PGR) for funding through the National Stabilization Program administered by the City of Minneapolis. Instruct staff to draft a letter of support. This motion was passed unanimously.

Motion #3; to provide \$5000 in down payment, entry and closing costs for individuals who purchase vacant, boarded or foreclosed properties in the Jordan neighborhood. Total costs for this program not to exceed \$50,000. Work with NHS to administer the program. This program will follow the same guidelines as the Minneapolis Advantage Program, except there will be no restriction on income to access these funds. Funding source will be NRP Phase II. This motion was carried unanimously. **This plan is to be called the Jordan Advantage (see comments by community).** The Housing Committee was also directed to explore continuing this program with sustainability built into it when this \$50,000 is gone.

Motion #4; to rename the Housing Committee to the Housing and Development Committee to be more reflective of the work the committee has been conducting and will continue to conduct. This name change will allow the committee to ensure all items of housing and development for the neighborhood are reviewed to provide the JACC board with the best recommendations for the community. Upon approval, ensure all outgoing communications reflect the committee name change. This motion was carried unanimously.

Motion #5; to send a letter supporting Darryl Weivoda in opening a restaurant on the Penn Lowry site and the waiver of new sewer access charges associated with the project. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion #6; to accept the selection of Tyrone Jaramillo and Debra Wagner to represent Jordan on the MURL PRG Neighborhood Advisory Committee. This motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- Kimberly Spates is remaining as the JACC Housing coordinator. P.J. Hubbard advised that some changes will be made to her contract and job plan. We all thanked Ms. Spates for her work and support during this transitional period.
- Ms. McCandless gave a brief update on the legal actions against JACC. The main news to report is that the TRO was not granted by Judge Porter and that the D & O Insurance has appointed an attorney for us and will be paying our legal expenses. There is a \$5000 deductible and it is unknown whether JACC or NRP will be paying that portion.
- Mr. Hodson spoke to the Probation House problems. This issue will be turned over to the Finance Committee, Mr. Hubbard and Ms Titus specifically, for further work.

New Business:

- Ms. McCandless discussed the need to have a board retreat/training session. It was decided to impanel a committee to plan is. McCandless, chair with T. Heinz, V. Monroe, Kelly Phillips and D. Titus. A motion was made by Mr. Jaramillo and seconded Mr. Hubbard to accept this committee. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Ms. McCandless stated that she had been approached by outside agencies and foundations with offers to help JACC. One offer was to pay for the services of an outside, independent auditor. Several members suggested that we try to get a forensic audit of the records. A motion was made by V. Monroe and seconded by D.Haddy that we accept the offer of outside assistance of an auditor, hopefully with forensic experience, to audit our books and work with the finance Committee. This motion was passed unanimously.
- It was also suggested that assistance may be found to help with board training. T. Heintz made a motion and it was seconded by R. Hodson. This motion was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by V.Monroe and seconded by T. Heintz to form a JACC Livability Forum committee. The committee members are Megan Goodmanson, Dottie Titus, Ann Yin, Keith Reitman, Todd Heintz, and Dennis and Alexandra Wagner. This motion was passed unanimously.

Community Comments

- Pete Rickmeyer suggested that we get a psychiatrist to diagnose the neighborhood child with PTSD and do something about houses with yards that are too small.
- John Hoff invited JACC to HACC functions. He also suggested naming the \$5000 additional initiative to the Mpls Advantage the “Jordan Advantage”. The question was called by the chair, and the board voted unanimously to so name the program.
- D. Titus suggested looking at the Organization of Non-Profits for grant resources. She also asked everyone to look at the JACC web site. She has been working on it and has made several changes. She asked for suggestions.

Mr. Hubbard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Monroe seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by Anne McCandless, Secretary