

Jordan Area Community Council Board of Directors Meeting – November 12th, 2014

Present and Voting: Roger Smithrud, Board Member, Jeff Skrenes, Board Chair, Scottie Tuska, Treasurer , Troy Kester, Jordan resident

Staff: Cathy Spann, Executive Director, Faith Xiong, Community Outreach Coordinator

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:56pm by Jeff Skrenes, Board Chair.
- II. The proposed agenda was reviewed. Amendments were proposed to the agenda: Alliance Housing under Community Input and Board Nominations, Haven Brook Homes and 26th Avenue Road Project under Other Business. Items were accepted and the agenda was amended and approved.
- III. There was no board meeting in the month of October, 2014. September Minutes were not available for review.

IV. Community Input:

Troy Kester spoke briefly about the Jordan Apartments and informed the board that Alliance did not obtain funding, therefore the agencies decision is to step away from the property and relinquish site control. Thru this process, Alliance is seeing more funding support for conservation projects/existing projects are a higher priority and projects that may attract middle class development versus affordable housing. Alliance staff thanks JACC for its continued support.

V. Committee Reports:

Faith Xiong presented the 2015 Outreach strategy to engage residents. The activities will start effective this month, November 2014, JACC will participate in the Hmong American New Year celebration by hosting an information table at the MN State Fair Grounds on November 15 and 16. She reported that there are 18 current block club leaders. She will continue to host quarterly meetings for block club leaders. In December JACC will host a Jordan Neighborhood Christmas Lights contest. The winner will be announced during a community party. Other activities that are being coordinated are: JACC Fitness Day, Movie Night, Open Mic Night, Neighborhood Mural, Neighborhood and Block club mapping, etc. these activities will be in collaboration with Anytime Fitness, Jerry Gamble Boys and Girls Club, Capri Theater, etc.

Cathy Spann announced the job description for a website designer/developer will be posted on MN Council of Non-profits. She will meet with Joann Osgood and Scottie Tuska to discuss next steps and review resumes.

Jeff Skrenes gave a brief recap of the housing meeting, a motion was made to write a letter of support for Habitat to acquire and develop the four vacant lots as they requested, a motion was made to write a letter of support for PRG to acquire and develop the two vacant lots as requested and provide further discussion on 2514 James Avenue North and a motion was made to support an additional bus stop in the Jordan Neighborhood at 29th and Penn Avenue North.

There was no Crime and Safety Meeting during the month of October 2014. No report.

Board members present reviewed financials. No major purchases have been requested by staff. The CPP draw from the City of Minneapolis was \$10,789.44.

VI. Cathy Spann continues to work with City of Lakes community Land Trust, NCR and CPED to address the rehabbing and sale of the JACC house. The members present discussed stop payment/stop paying taxes, fix-up property, have it reappraised, meet with city atty's office, put money in escrow, and fix up property and sale. A motion was made to direct Cathy Spann to approach a different Sunrise Bank executive to discuss issues and after 30 days return keys. The motion was second, and approved. Troy Kester agreed to assist in the process by introducing Cathy to another bank executive.

VII. Other Business:

The Board members reviewed and discussed the grievance and agreed all Jordan residents can attend meetings. No grievance committee was formed.

There were no board nominations.

Board members presented discussed the 26th Avenue Project. A motion was made JACC will support general concept B or C but would like some sort of separation of sidewalk and trail. The motion was seconded and approved.

The staff of Haven Brook Homes has contacted Cathy Spann. She will invite them to the next housing committee meeting.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.