

June 2024 ANA Board Meeting Minutes
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Next ANA Community Meeting

We decided to schedule the next community meeting on Wednesday 7/24 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Northeast Market Garden. Deborah is going to contact Dakotah to reserve the rec center as a back up space in case it rains.

We discussed a variety of potential speakers and topics for the meeting agenda. Deborah is going to start reaching out to speakers, and she'll copy me so that I can get more involved in organizing meetings for the future. Here are a few of the ideas we discussed:

1. Abdi from the MPD to give the neighborhood safety update
2. National Night Out - Maybe combine this with Abdi's presentation since this event is sponsored by the MPD?
3. Northeast Middle School - with MPS struggling, we discussed having someone from the middle school come to discuss how the neighborhood can better support NE middle school
4. Johnson Street Merchant's Association - Margo or Deborah can come and give updates on the Johnson Street Business corridor, the efforts to repave the parking lot, etc.
5. Updates from the Audubon Rec Center on late summer / fall programming - Dakotah?
6. Market Garden + Farmers Market Updates - Deborah or one of the garden interns to handle
7. 29th Avenue Reconstruction Schedule Updates - We need to reach out to someone from MNDot (maybe the one who did that survey?) to get an anticipated completion date for this project to share at the meeting

Marketing for the Community Meeting

We will need to do marketing for the community meeting. We are considering the following options:

- market it at the farmers market when we table
- email blasts
- flyers throughout the neighborhood (need board members to volunteer to post them, also need to remember to go back and take them down after the meeting)
- we're thinking about organizing a farm to table event in the garden on the same night as the meeting, beginning at 6pm

Other Topics:

- ANA Tabling at the Farmers Markets - Anjelica and I have tabled for ANA at the Farmers Market. We could use more help with that. We also discussed getting a better banner for the organization. And whoever is tabling should try to bring some treats or

something to attract people to visit the table and take the neighborhood survey Anjelica created.

- Anjelica brought up the fact that the streets around her home / the market garden are packed with cars whenever the Hollywood has an event now. And it seems like no one is using the Johnson street free lot from these events even though that is allowed. We discussed ways to encourage people to use the Johnson Street lot during these events.
- Profane graffiti on the bench in front of the market garden - Anjelica thought she could get in touch with the realtor or Edina Realty to see if we can get the curse words removed from the bench