

April 2024 (held in person 04.29.24) – Audubon Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present, meeting held hybrid: In person: Christian Hokans, Board President, Onan Justonan Mary Stadler Board Secretary, Blake Hampton, Treasurer, Deborah Brister, Executive Director.

Board Meeting Minutes & Agenda Approval:

Guests: Julien Halabi, ANA project staff, and Dakotah Lomasi, Audubon Rec Center Director Association

Audubon Spring Fest Committee Update: Dakotah Lomasi, Rec Center Director, gave overview of Audubon Rec Center staff available and availability of center areas during event and storage prior to event. Board discussed weather forecast and potential impact to event. Deb Brister gave overview of various aspects of the festival having games, tickets for food including pizza from parkway and fruit from coop. Dakotah offered Raising Cane's kids meal certificates and geranium plants as prizes for medallion hunt. Deb Brister has spoken with Las Twins who is going to have a food truck for the festival. Mn Adult & Teen Challenge client volunteers to assist with games and facepainting.

Ticket sales table for Pizza, etc to be manned by Christian Hokans & Deb Brister, with Market Garden table next to it to allow him to answer questions in that area as needed.

Recovery Bikes - Mary Stadler, ANA Board Secretary, will connect if available to do repair during event or part of the event.

The board discussed canvassing neighborhood to advertise event and divided the job covering several blocks.

Johnson Street Parking Lot: Board discussed options for resurfacing project finance. Deb Brister gave overview of Business Grant and / or Loan Program and considering offering toward the goal of resurfacing, with matching funds raised in the concert. Johnson Street Merchants would put up money and the program could match up to \$3,000. Deb Brister noted some merchants willing to contribute and plans to set up for further neighborhood contributions toward project. Board discussed options for loan (1%) to fund remainder needed for the project and concern of meeting need to complete the project. Board discussed desire for Deb Brister to discuss in the JSM Association is open to a low interest loan, along with grant and matching funds to fund parking lot project.

Deb Brister will investigate available loan funds and term options and bring to Johnson Street Merchant Association meeting.

Black Duck/ Fare Game: Christian Hokans informed of Black Duck Spirits and Hearth Restaurant opening this summer. Deb Brister informed that Jason (Black Duck owner) is applying for full liquor license and requested her to go to the hearing in support of them getting the license. Deb Brister asked the Board if we would like to endorse support. Board discussed merits of support. Christian Hokans moved for ANA Board to draft letter of support for Fare

Game's restaurant seeking full liquor license for planned restaurant opening. Blake Hampton seconded; Board approved.

Deb Brister noted that she will draft a letter and attend hearing the following week.

Controller: Christian Hokans opened discussion of bank controller. Blake Hampton requested shift of the duty to be done as part of Board Treasurer role. Deb Brister, Executive Director, gave overview of controller duty of monitoring accounts receivable and accounts payable which Quickbooks automatically does. Blake Hampton discussed being more available to respond than others and desire to have access of information to ensure oversight. Board discussed merits of shift or keeping separation of powers as is. Board discussed lacking understanding of reasoning and belief of greater expediency. Blake Hampton will have a conversation with the bank and email a summary of what he has discovered.

29th Avenue: Blake Hampton brought discussion of reviewing Board notes to determine if 29th Avenue Committee was voted as official Board subcommittee and requested that ANA Board make it a ANA subcommittee.

Blake Hampton provided update of 29 Avenue project:

Brian Rice, attorney in community, has drafted a bill sitting in the state Senate and House subcommittees to allow the City of Mpls and St Anthony to ban trucks on 29th Avenue. Blake Hampton shared belief that it would be a benefit if testifying at state hearing to go as concerned citizen and representative of ANA subcommittee.

Blake Hampton requested ANA Board fulfill promise of \$25 gift certificates for completing survey.

Board discussed necessity of subcommittee vs letter of support from ANA Board.

Blake Hampton moved to fund gift certificates; Christian Hokans seconded. Board approved.

Board Members: Christian Hokans, Board President, brought discussion of Lisa Lopez resigning from Board through email response to Board members. Deb Brister, reviewed interest from member of community and plans to reach out to her; noted need for 5 Board members and that she is able to vote as Director if needed.

Meeting adjourned: Christian Hokans adjourned meeting.