

## **March Audubon Neighborhood Association Board Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Christian Hokans, Board President.

**Board Members Present:** Christian Hokans, President, Deborah Brister, Executive Director, Mary Stadler, Secretary, Blake Hampton, Treasurer, Onan Justonan, Vice President, and Angelica Carvajal, Board Member. Absent: Lisa Lopez, Board Member

**Google Drive:** Board discussed merits using Google Drive for communication and business due to difficulty accessing. Board reviewed needing system for regular review to stay updated on information relevant to ANA Board business.

**Conflict of Interest Forms:** Board members present reviewed and signed conflict of interest forms. Forms kept by Executive Director Deb Brister for Board records.

**ANA Board Training & Development Policy Form:** Board discussed need to review and sign agreement to policy and assess self and board. Forms available for members to sign for records kept by Executive Director.

**Pothole Palooza Benefit Concert:** Deb Brister gave overview of upcoming event to raise funds toward fixing Johnson Street Merchants Association public parking lot. The event features 5 live bands doing sets on the hour on April 6th, 2024 from 3 pm to 8 pm. Board reviewed tickets, advertising, sponsors, and social media. Deb noted needing volunteers for putting up flyers with each member present given several to post along with 4 tickets. Deb Brister informed that finalization regarding beverages, beer, and food is in progress. Request for board to assist in set up and managing the event was discussed with members present noting availability; volunteers needed for set up @ noon, throughout the event, and tear down.

**Audubon Spring Festival:** Christian Hokans, ANA President, began discussion of the Spring Festival to be held on May 4th, 2024. Board considered event times and duration; set time for 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Deb Brister, Executive Director of ANA, gave overview of progress:

- reusing yard signs and changing the date as part of event advertising
- Plan to use Mississippi Watershed grant funds
- Information to NE Mpls Arts Association about the festival for any artists who want to set up for the event
- contacted various animal organizations: MN Zoo regarding live animal display, Safe Hands Rescue for meet and greet, and MN Raptor Center.
- Toddler Gear Exchange area headed up by Margo Ashmore. There will be a training for people to help with the activity.
- City of Mpls Reuse/ Recycling coming to do tabling,
- Sound stage reserved and music set.

- Encouraging Rec Center to take the lead of the festival since they have staff for planning and have been organizing various events.

Deb Brister noted plans for transition and retirement; discussed considering options. Board discussed thoughts and merits of ongoing Board involvement through Audubon Rec Center partnership. Deb Brister, ANA Executive Director, shared working with Dakota, Rec Center Director, on various proposals.

Board discussed food truck options: Las Twins Mexican Cuisine or Chimborazo. Reviewed feedback from last year and opted for Las Twins. Board reviewed ANA food choices.

**Meeting adjourned:** Christian Hokans, ANA Board President, adjourned meeting.