

September 2024 (held in person 09.23.24) – Audubon Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Christian Hokans, Board President; Onan Justonan, Board Vice President; Mary Stadler Board Secretary, Deborah Brister, Executive Director, Blake Hampton, Treasurer. Absent: Angelica C, Board Member

Community Meeting: Board discussed upcoming Community Meeting to be held Monday October 7th, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Audubon Park Recreation Center.

Board discussed speaker options:

- Councilman Payne or representative to update on City of Mpls and items impacting Audubon.
- Representatives from the community schools to discuss ways to encourage enrollment in the community schools. A lot of competition for MPS schools in NE. Loose funding due to kids not going to neighborhood schools they could walk to.
- Park Board consultant of draft plans for Audubon Park for 2025. Christian Hokans, Board President, noted that residents have expressed they would like a Pickleball Court. Board discussed multi-use court set up for pickleball.
- Dakotah, from Audubon Park Recreation Center could piggy-back and provide update for fall schedule and offerings at the center.
- Neighborhood safety report from Abdi of Office of Community Safety

WPNA (Windom Park): Abandoned nursing home is prime issue in Windom Park Neighborhood Association. Tax forfeiture sale to be held online but was cancelled and rescheduled for November. Board discussed not getting involved in the situation.

City of Minneapolis Housing Assistance Program: Read information to inform the community of the program.

Board discussed promoting the meeting for best involvement. Deb Brister, Executive Director will design and noted that it is already up on Social Media and the website. Christian Hokans, Onan Justonan, and Mary Stadler will distribute.

Community Meeting/ Election - Onan Justonan, Blake Hampton, and Mary Stadler are up for re-election and planning to run for re-election. There has been interest in other residents being part of the Board.

10/05/24 Deming Heights - Naturalist - Onan Justonana will be attending as Board representative. Christian Hokans discussed emailing to co-sponsor apple cider and donuts at the event.

Halloween Event: October 31st, 2024 at the last Farmer's Market. Board discussed the need for the event, set up, and clean up.

Fire pit: need volunteer(s) to manage for safety and assisting with marshmallow roasting
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Candy distribution: 2-3

Decorating: Big spider web and spider, graves, shed - decorate night before

Take Down: 2-3

Candy donation - request donations of candy for the event.

Fredrickson and Byron Grant: Christian Hokans, Board President, discussed ANA seeking grant. ANA will ask for \$5,000 and Deb Brister, Executive Director will begin application. Christain Hokans noted that applicants have a plus factor when one of their employees is on the board. Board discussed what program we would use it for, as that is needed for consideration. Ideas: Power of Produce for Kids and for Seniors, and other programs so they have options of what they want to support.

Monthly Financials: Christian Hokans, Board President, distributed ANA monthly financials for Board review.

Board & Community Meeting: Blake Hampton, Treasurer, discussed concerns about ANA changing dates and times of meetings from typical last Monday of the month for Board meetings and the first Monday of every other month for community meetings. Board discussed meeting changes discussed the schedule at the last Board meeting and that the meeting minutes were distributed. Board reviewed meetings adjusted in holiday months and December meeting as optional. Community meetings day/ time change has been discussed in the past, but not set; will monitor attendance and add number of attendees to community meeting minutes.

Finance Committee: Blake Hampton, Treasurer, brought up that the bi-laws require having a Finance Committee and the Treasurer would conduct regular committee meetings. Board discussed purpose of the committee as finance discussions that would go to the Board as recommendations, such as budget planning, grant opportunities. Deb Brister, Executive Director, discussed historical position regarding various committees as difficult in extra commitments due to minimal Board numbers with past Board deciding to include as part of whole Board. Deb noted that ANA legal representative, Jess Beckham, recommended to eliminate all committees with exception to one internal and one external committee. The internal would look at personnel and finances; external events, festivals, community engagement, farmers market. At that time, the Board had agreed to eliminate the extra committees. Blake Hampton, Treasurer, noted that the decision did not make it into the bi-laws and that the Board must go by those and establish a committee. **Overdrafts:** Blake Hampton, Treasurer, discussed @\$120 of overdrafts to our bank due to recurring charges for storage unit. Christian Hokans, President, discussed getting notice of the overdrafts at the time. Blake Hampton, Treasurer, reinforced the need to have a Finance Committee due to the bi-laws. Blake asked for clarification of a June 11, 2024 deposit that exceeds deposit amount described in the Bi-laws. Deb Brister, Executive Director, reported she deposited as a loan since the loan purchasing the shed was due; Board will need to reimburse Deb. Blake Hampton, Treasurer, noted that he wants to propose to new Board.

Monthly Finance Report: Christian Hokans, President, noted for the record of Deb Brister's sacrifice in preparing finance report and personal sacrifices, including financial and delays in salary, for the organization.

Accomplishments for 2024: Deb Brister would like to update the neighborhood at the community meeting of accompl

Meeting adjourned: Blake Hampton, Treasurer, moved to adjourn; Onan Justonan seconded. Christian Hokans adjourned meeting.