

**Meeting of the Board of Directors.**

**February 10, 2025 6:00 PM to 7:36 PM**

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|  | **Agenda Items** |
| **6:30 pm** | **Open & Housekeeping** |
|  | Open, Call to order, quorum, 6:10pm |
|  | Attendance: Patrick (Co Chair/Treasurer); Anndrea (ED), Candy Bakion, Isuru Herath, Doug Gurian-Sherman, Nazir Khan, Clair (Sumner Library) |
| **6:45 pm** | **Business:**  **Review of Community Connections event; Patrick: not sure that we need to go next year. We can collaborate with other Organizations. Candy: believes that it is a great way to network.**  **Welcoming Candy; Patrick: Candy is on the board. Welcome Candy as a board member, she is the longest board member, being a member on and off for 20yrs.**  **HERC; Isuru; how long has the flight been going on? Candy; 30 yr fight with the incinerator. Harrison, NRRC, Larry Hitchcock, Sunny from the Lao Assistance Center. Patrick was the photographer of the HERC. Massive disturbing view of how large it was inside. In 2010 Harrison had an annual meeting where their was a conversation about the large pile of dirt in the Sumner-Glenwood. Security would circle the dirt. Found out that it was Hospital waste dirt. A lot of kids had asthma in Heritage Park Neighborhood Association.**  **Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC) Denitrick & Nalima activist for shutting down the HERC.**  **Brynmar and more neighborhoods were apart of the Northside Neighborhood Council.**  **Patrick moved to open the meeting, second by Candy.**  **Candy plans to bring renters on the board. Patrick wants to set a virtual meeting dollars to offer residents revenue for being on the board.**  **Doug: Risk Air pollution from the trash burner. Risk assessment of HERC agency like MPA and MPHA don’t want to demonize them but they are awful.**  **1998 most recent permit, what science says.**  **Unelected county staff have lack of expertise and promotes the HERC.**  **Incineration is not at the top of the list, other things like recycling and no waste.**  **They say that it’s not a higher risk if you live near the HERC or far away. Not putting EJ communities in any greater risk. County staff suggest that all risk are small. The county staff says that the big smoke stack is pushed out. They say that the risk are close but not presenting all of the data.**  **Cancer risk in North Loop was 3.6% higher than St. Louis Park.**  **They manipulate the data.**  **They test each pollutant separately. Cumulative risk assessment, they are under estimating the risk. EJ communities are more likely to be harmed, reasons being stress, pollution, diabetes, people in EJ communities have more when you convert harm into numbers it dehumanizes it.**  **Beast of Hennepin County. Large movements; City Council called a resolution to be closed by 2027. Mayor Frey is behind it. Press conference. The county is no longer responding. They have stopped all communication and asked tonally receive emails. County owns the HERC. County said 2028-2040.**  **Waste management said that they would happily take the landfill. Collaborate with other organizations/ neighborhood associations.**  **Action Item (Patrick): Get UI Insurance, suggest to Co-director a financial gift of $250 for her hard work and patience while we figure things out. Candy and Patrick agrees to move the motion to make a donation to Anndrea.** |
|  | Patrick Motion to adjourn at 7:36pm, Candy Seconded, motion passed. |
| 7**:36 pm** | **Adjourn** |