



Meeting of the Board of Directors. October 14, 2024, 6:00 to 7:30 PM

	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shawn, did you get internship info from Sophie?• Patrick follow up with Danielle• Timely notification of all Board meetings for USI newsletter. Make bold and vibrant, different verbiage to visit or advise.• All board meetings will be posted on Facebook. Is this being done?
6:00 pm	Open & Housekeeping
	Vicky called the meeting to order at 6:15.
	Attendance: Victoria (Chair/Secretary); Patrick (Treasurer); Natalie Hart, Kimberly Caprini; Shawn Williams. CO: Anndrea; Guests: Sophia Ginis and Candy Bakion
6:10 pm	Business
	<p>10/15/24 Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to Shawn• Sophia Ginis, Metro Transit Director of Community Affairs• BLE Final Invoice/ Contract Report• 2025 Budget Update, finalize• Updates on Amelia, removed from all access? (QR Code, Invoices, Work Done)• MOU For November Harvest Baskets/ USI HPNA Check-in (Vicky still has invites on the cal?)• Media postings on FB for board mtgs; updating website to hold minutes.• Job Postings Update ED & CO, where are we at on personnel policy and payroll etc?• Voting Post Updates• Danielle Tietgen's Role with HPNA (discussion)• UROC Community Development Initiatives Meeting Update, Anndrea• Restorative Grant, Anndrea• Trunk or Treat at Phyllis Wheatley (BBQ, Table, Voters Bookmarks)• Vicky Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">o (Socios Consulting Inc, Mario Vargas)o Garden plan/focus with Cheney? Steve update: buying tarps to cover the current garden beds, possibly paying for weed removal (4x10 – six beds)o Little library repairs (2 were vandalized, one repaired, Steve fixing other, 3rd has rotting wood)o Board manual, not updated• (too busy/not now) Kimberly was going to look for Board training used at PW• update of board manual – only updates needed are stakeholders and board members.• discussion about future grant writing, last meeting discussed about inclusivity of board members, sharing and location of all past documents <p>Vicky motioned to begin, Patrick seconded. Motion passed.</p>

Patrick motioned to accept minutes/agenda. Kimberly seconded. Motion passed.

Welcome to Shawn, first official board member meeting.

Guest: Sophie, Metro Transit, any metro capital projects come through her part of her team. NetworkNow project, any projects need to be in this project. (examples: changing service, adding hours, can invest in a meaningful way.) Pandemic changed how people use it. New projects coming in from 2025-2030. (purple, gold, blue lines, green line, micro bus staying in North Mpls – adding 8 more). NetworkNow Draft concept plan is in operation this year and 3-5 yrs. Submit by paper comment forms and online QR code. It has a great student internship program. Urban scholars program sends interns too. Sophie will share email with Shawn for student internships (covers college) pathways. sophia.ginis@metrotransit.org. Community needs to comment now. Trying to regrow ridership. There is money to invest, where does community want it invested? Adapting, planning, maintaining, building, grow ridership) Safety & Security Action plan – 45 layers in process.

Question – shutting down the light rail? Not closed for Viking games/concerts. Only should close for maintenance. Usually they increase service and have more workers during games.

Question - free fairs? Not currently, State legislature is the only entity to approve costs

Tap program - \$1 fairs. Or search employers who cover.

(Patrick) BLE final contract / Report:

Had several meetings and final meeting. Will process final invoice end of month (Oct). Blue line critical thresholds being met. Stay focused on our part of the contract.

We are working on anti displacement funds from Blue Line changes.

Working on changing how Exec Director works and hiring new Community Organizer. Patrick will continue treasurer, but ending Board work soon. (although, if a Treasurer, automatically Exec Board).

(Patrick) Need to finalize budget for 2025. Robert has been helpful.

(Vicky) Update on Amelia, ideas to replace with stickers, can we upgrade the current QR. Recreate. Waiting for her to submit final hours.

MOU request from USI. Harvest basket. Tells what everyone will do. We will still table. Engaging conversations. Anndrea will send to all.

E.D. and C.O. positions. Working on all the paperwork and forms to set up Exec Director. Hired Maya Whitehead for CO. Chair will create new interim contract for Anndrea, E. D.

Voting posts continue – weekly.

Danielle T – been in contact. Beta test? Vicky suggested to meet with Socios Consulting, Mario Vargas. Conversation held.

UROC community initiatives program reached out to HPNA. Need more information. Who is Eric?

Anndrea - Restorative Grant – will share description of grant and the application with Board. \$8 million available to apply. How it will help our community restore. There is reporting and advising.

Media updates: on Facebook and website for Board meetings. Start adding minutes to the website.

Trunk or Treat, bring car, hand out candy, talk about voter registration. 10/31 – 430-630 at Phyllis Wheatley.

Domestic violence event Thursday, 5-7pm, great speaker (Flo's Eatery)

Vicky motioned to adjourn at 7:35pm, Patrick seconded. Motion passed.

	Parking Lot
	<p>Future discussions or on hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laptops at all events.• Grant writing going forward, collective help. Patrick sharing all previous documents into our google drive.• Keeping the garden in HPNA and community control.• Mailing to the area to find interest for garden for 2025 lottery.• 311 flyers in rentals?• BLE recording: Valerie Stevenson, interim ED for Phyllis Wheatley, should contact for video contact information• Reviewing Bylaw Material – on hold• Start using neighborhood postcard mailings• Displacement money updates• Continue building relationships, board visits• Phase 2 of garden?