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**Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026
6:00pm-8:00pm**

- I. 6:00 – 6:10 pm Dinner

6:00 pm Attendance:

Board of Directors: Tina Blount - Board Chair, Michael Pugh, Anthony Meinders, Nathaniel Orr, Cheryl Paynes, Chauncey Jackson

Staff - Audua Pugh (Executive Director), Jordan Wanat (Office Administration), Rosevelt McDonald (Contracted Security - Peacekeepers)

Guests: Dan - Great Northern Greenway, Georgianne Young - Green Northern Greenway, Camia Carruthers - Prospective Board Member, Jim Piersol - Whistleblower/Formal Employee of FreedomWorks Incorporated

- II. 6:10 – 6:15 pm Welcome

6:04: Attendance & Meeting Officially Started

- III. 6:15 – 6:20 pm Approve/Change Agenda

- IV. 6:20 – 6:25 pm Meeting Minutes – June

6:14 pm - Board Quorum - Voted for agenda & last meeting's minutes. Brought to a vote by Michael Pugh, approved, no changes, unanimous.

- V. 6:25 – 6:30 pm Safety Report

6:15 pm - Safety Report - Hot spots still Penn & Lowry for drug & property crimes - violent crime is mostly down in the Jordan neighborhood since previous months. Police are still focusing on the Lowry & Penn area, and working with the community to find solutions beyond just writing tickets and making arrests.

- VI. 6:30 – 6:35 pm North Point update – Tina Blount

6:16 pm - Tina went over her notes from the NorthPoint meeting, there were multiple state of MN government representatives there to discuss healthcare changes. North Memorial is being bought by Sanford, and going private. Changes to healthcare plans (anyone not currently in the hospital, in a treatment center, on disability, or other unable to physically work or volunteer ~80 hrs/month not eligible for MA in MN) means many residents losing MA coverage. BOD also discussed issues with trauma care and how most of GSW and car crashes will be sent to Hennepin Healthcare trauma unit, as Sanford buying North Memorial means they will likely not take on trauma patients from the Jordan neighborhood.

- VII. 6:35 – 6:55 pm 26th Avenue Greenway – Dan Miller

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6:25 pm Great River Greenway presentation starts - discussed 26th ave greenway and how to cross the river safely, the construction that has happened in North Minneapolis and Northeast Minneapolis.

6:46 pm Great River Greenway Presentation ends

VIII. 6:55 – 7:00 pm Plan Modification – Board Vote

6:47 pm Executive Director, Audua Pugh, went over the 21 Day Notice for a budget modification using NRP funds, and went over amounts and what was going where. The interest of the BOD went over the modification Chauncey Jackson brought the motion, seconded by Anthony, no discussion, voted positively unanimously.

IX. 7:00- 7:25 pm Freedom Works update – Jay Piersol

6:50 pm - Jay Piersol went over his experience working at FreedomWorks, his experience, talking about staff covering for participants not being there, issues with transparency, and their records on MCRO - with many clients and fellow co-workers of his being convicted sex offenders. There was attempts to go to MPD, MN DOC, HHS, DHS, and many other organizations about his concerns, and was faced with issues every step of the way.

7:35 pm - Nathaniel brought up writing a letter of support or a document to a vote about supporting Jim Piersol's mission in suing FreedomWorks in court. Seconded by Anthony, unanimously voted.

X. 7:25 - 7:30 pm Disclosure - Chauncey Jackson

7:36 pm - Questions were brought up about Chauncey doing paid work and if it qualifies as a conflict of interest, by doorknocking for JACC while also being a Board Member. Most conversation went towards the bylaws, a possible audit, transparency, and what should be done with him, if he should leave temporarily or not.

There was a discussion of voting on Chauncey staying on the board, Board Members decided to either vote **yes** - *to keep Chauncey on the board while he works a seasonal position for a few hours a week canvassing* - or - **no** - *Chauncey should be stepping down temporarily, as the bylaws do not state a clear policy and procedure, to avoid any possible issues.*

Cheryl voted **YES** to keep Chauncey on the board, seconded by Tina, Anthony, and Nathaniel. Michael voted with a **NO**. Vote was approved by majority to keep Chauncey Jackson on the BOD while he completes this seasonal position canvassing the neighborhood, on the condition that there is open disclosure and transparency with him being in both positions.

XI. 7:30 - 7:35 pm By-Laws

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7:47 pm - Gunnar Bosking as the secretary has been brought up to be voted off the Board due to inactivity, as he has not been to a BOD meeting since March 2026. Vote motioned by Anthony, seconded by Michael, unanimously voted. Vote approved to remove Gunnar Bosking from the Board of Directors.

7:48 pm - Discussion was brought up on needing more BOD members and going over bylaws, and making any updates or edits to policies and procedures.

7:35 - 7:55 pm JACC Updates

- Community Unite Back 2 School Event
- Motion Lights Project
- Rebranding Jordan
- Jordan Streets
- AmeriCorps Interns
- NAZ Gala
- Board Recruitment

7:49 pm - Audua discussed that all backpacks for next Thursday have been covered by local donations, one by Jabar Richardson, a resident, and EJ Table, an organization.

7:50 pm - Vote brought up on Motion lights, a program discussed in previous meetings. Jordan residents would receive motion lights, but by covering half of the cost for motion lights for residents. Cheryl brought it to a vote, seconded by Anthony, voted unanimously and approved by BOD.

7:52 pm - NRP funds have been awarded to rebrand the neighborhood, putting up speed bumps, garbage cans, benches, street lamp signs, safety concerns, and more. Meetings are being planned and BOD will be updated by JACC staff next month on progress.

7:57 pm - 2 AmeriCorps members have been recruited and will be starting on September 8th, and supervised by Jordan, and JACC office hours will be changing to 5 days a week starting 9/8.

7:59 pm - Northside Achievement Zone is having a gala for \$5,000 a table, BOD were encouraged to go on their own. JACC will not be purchasing a table this year due to not having additional funds to cover the cost of the table.

8:02 pm - Talked about the NMHRC meeting and the possibility of having a drop in center at JACC. Meetings are taking place and future updates will be announced once more is known at future BOD meetings.

XII. 7:55 – 8:00pm Last comments

8:04 pm - We are looking for BOD members and are looking to put together a bylaw committee - encouraged everyone in attendance to invite qualified local community members.

8:05 pm - Talked about the possibility of adding \$5,000/yr to Audua's Executive Director position, to be discussed next month when Audua isn't present for the private discussion.

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XIII. 8:00pm Adjourn
8:05 pm - Meeting Adjourned

Notes: \$20 donation from Jim Piersol, \$20 from Michael Pugh, and \$20 from Nathaniel Orr.

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