



## **SCNA Board Meeting**

**April 10, 2007 6:30pm**

### **Creekview Park**

SCNA Board member attendees: Mr. Hauger (C), Mr. Strand (VP), Ms. G. Anderson (T), Mr. Hanson (S), Ms. C. Anderson, Virginia Bratton, Ms. Castle, Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. J. Johnson

- 1. Welcome and call to order by Vice Chair Mr. Strand at 6:33pm due to surgery recovery by Chair Hauger**
- 2. Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda Ms. G Anderson, Ms Castle, m-c
- 3. Officer Reports**
  - a. Secretary Report: Brock Hanson: March Minutes, Mr. Hanson moves approval of March Minutes, Ms. Castle, m-c
  - b. Treasurer Report: Gail Anderson, Motion to accept April Treasurer's report as presented, Mr. J Johnson, Ms. Castle, m-c
- 4. 2007 SCNA Action Plan:**
  - a. SC Clean-up: Everything going well. Paul Chelsen Water Quality/MN Naturalist volunteering that day, Run off raingardens etc, Wants to meet one more time April for one hour Tuesday 6:30pm at Creekview Did get GE to sponsor us this year.
  - b. Neighborhood Sign Project: Kicked off! No applications so far
  - c. Predatory Lending: Flyer distributed, need a list of questions from everyone. Some new legislation may have been passed by that time. Twin Cities Habitat, NRRC, Suburban Hennepin County Community Action Suburban H. 1/2time person for mortgage foreclosure: 1000 this year up from 500 year before.
- 5. Updates**
  - a. CAN!: Extremely disappointed that after flyering both schools, no parents or teachers attended, very impressive that all school board members attended, engaging conversation, only 10% less enrollment from 1981.
  - b. Best Crime statistic here, best housing stock, yet where are the schools closing?
  - c. Just looking at the map, SC elementary closing does seem to make sense
  - d. Close a neighborhood library, no retail, how do you attract new residents
  - e. Northside Neighborhood Alliance: Finished the market scan 92 pages long, Looked at two nodes and industrial looking at what area has to offer. Barb Johnson and Don Samuels attended.
  - f. Housing Contracts Update: Lynn has those
  - g. Northside Clean-up May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - h. How to buy and sell in this market
  - i. May 5<sup>th</sup> Bird and Spring Ecology: Get out flyer for April 21
  - j. Other: Fence along 49<sup>th</sup> CP Rail been contacted about looks horrible, and is still available for sale.
  - k. Would SCNA want Brock to investigate having a paypal account on the SCNA website. They take .30 and %30 of the total am
  - l. Pat Grant: Street signs can be placed anywhere, stop signs, existing signs
- 6. Old/New Business: none**
- 7. Adjourn Motion to adjourn Ms. G. Anderson, Ms. Castle, 7:00pm**



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- 1. Welcome and Introductions by Vice Chair Strand at 7:05pm**
- 2. Consensus to add GMHC regarding the house at 51<sup>st</sup> and Oliver to the agenda**
- 3. SCNA Neighborhood Annual Highlights distributed**
  - a. Updates on a couple projects: Brian Hitchcock Sign Committee:**
    - i. Decided to run a sign contest looking for new signs and logo
    - ii. Pat Grant was contacted and was informative
    - iii. Can use existing posts in the ground, back of traffic signs, put up a little higher to avoid graffiti, subject to approval by Mr. Grant after we have design 10.50 for brackets
    - iv. Suggests the main entry points and few extra in case of vandalism
    - v. Could provide a couple vendors
    - vi. Submission guidelines if someone has an idea selection committee will review and then artist may need to be involved
  - b. Northside Neighborhood Alliance:**
    - i. Completed a Market Survey recently regarding North Minneapolis
    - ii. Working out a work plan
    - iii. Suppose to be having a joint meeting with Northside partnership
  - c. Camden Alliance of Neighborhoods**
    - i. Very productive meeting
    - ii. Tremendous challenge facing the MPS: 50,000 with 25,000 enrollment
- 4. Annual Treasurer's Report: Gail Anderson**
  - a. Profit and Loss Statement reviewed
- 5. Greater Minneapolis Housing Corp**
  - a. Ron Korsch, nonprofit housing developer
  - b. 5139 Vincent Ave N: 2 story 1651 sq ft. 3B 2.5 Bath max income 80% or below Minneapolis median income
  - c. Highly energy efficient, Traditional house and fits with same set back
  - d. GMHC reputation is stellar
  - e. Residents believe there's old creek bed
  - f. If there's problem with bad soil or if we have to dig down further then the City usually covers the cost. They do that for a lot of homes.
  - g. Mr. Korsch will be sure to suggest soil tests need to be done
  - h. He states there are a few houses around the lot that are two stories
  - i. Residents have concerns that it's a difficult market right now for even a \$200,000 home
  - j. Because this is in the CPED CDBG program, GMHC is willing to offer a second mortgage to be able to help residents to purchase the property
  - k. Residents raise the concern the Lot has been vacant for 50 years since it's prone to flood
  - l. Residents raise the concern about the cost of \$230,000 and ask why don't you make it a two bedroom expansion?
  - m. Mr. Korsch states we have other versions that we've built Not much price difference between the two versions
  - n. Do you build with an egress window? Yes there will be two, & a sump pump & drain tiles
  - o. Some residents have problems with the size of the home. We don't want a two story house overshadowing the other homes

- p. Mr. Korsch states We're not here to shove something down peoples throats. If the neighborhood feels that it would be more appropriate to go with a different style to fit in we're willing to consider that.
- q. Since there is a two-story building already there, perhaps the windows could be added, due to tax base and quality of appearance some residents preferred the two story design.
- r. Mr. Korsch volunteers to come again
- s. Usually soils that are bad, we don't build houses that leak
- t. Residents wonder if there is "a lot" of homes being corrected with tax payer funds then we could use Webber Library open instead.
- u. City has directed GMHC to take the vacant lots and build on them /increase the tax base
- v. Mr. Korsch will relay this information to the project manager
- w. Mr. Strand states typically SCNA has welcomed new housing projects but we're very concerned about using tax payers dollars to do soil correction
- x. This also looks like a side lot, owner came to SCNA when dealing with fencing variance several years prior
- y. Home Tour Brochure presented #12 Mainstreet bungalow court April 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>
- z. Will look at scheduling, wait for the soil testing results and schedule next meeting

**4. Review of Membership Bylaws:**

- a. Mr. Strand reviews bylaws and reads SCNA April newsletter
- b. Lynn Hauger, Ms. Bratton do want to serve as a board member and be nominated but were unavailable to attend

**5. Nominate Lynn Hauger by Brock, Brian**

- a. Nominate Jeff Johnson, Mr. Hitchcock, Ms. G Anderson
- b. Nominate Lori Thayer, Mr. Hitchcock, Ms. G Anderson
- c. Nominate Virginia Bratton, Mr. Jeff Johnson, Mr. Hitchcock,
- d. Nominate Gail Anderson, by Mr. Hitchcock, Brock Hanson

Further nominations called three times, all those nominated approved, m-c

**6. SC Clean-up:**

- a. Reminder Postcards presented
- b. GE will sponsor printing/postage of postcards
- c. Have all our guests coming, watertesting,
- d. Over a decade of service Mr. Strand thanks Mr. Johnson

**7. Reminders: May 5<sup>th</sup>, Nature Walk, May 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**8. Communications:**

- a. Mark Methany: Flagpole:
- b. Craig Cooper: Complaining about rusty water: Brian Hitchcock neighbor had the same problem, Public Works claims that there is a lot of leaves that settle to the bottom, dingy whites, Remind Public Works to flush the dead-end.
- c. John Heglend talk to him about CLIC waterworks
- d. Semi-truck 52xx Washburn.
- e. Helping City keep residents informed

**9. Old/New Business:**

- a. Jenny Lind Request: 1 week long program? Should we invite her to attend? Motion to attempt contact Linnea explore the avenue to see if there are funds available for the week program and contingent on other neighborhoods participation, Jeff will report back at the next meeting by Mr. Jeff Johnson, Mr. Hitchcock m-c
- b. Humboldt Greenway speaker? Let us know how they're doing? Update for next meeting, Humboldt Greenway Homeowners Association
- c. Congratulate our neighborhood on RER Project award

**10. Adjourn by Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Johnson, 8pm**