



SCNA Annual Meeting and Elections

April 12, 2011

Creekview Park

Attendees: Brock Hanson, Jeff Johnson, Lori Hanson, Jeff Strand, Carol McCrillis, Jon Theis, Brian Hitchcock, Lori Thayer, Marie Castle, Pam Owens

Guests: Assistant City Attorney Nnamdi A. Okoronkwo, Lt. Heimerl, Mary Etzioni, CM Barb Johnson, Amy Luesebrink

1. Welcome and introductions at 6:30pm by Chair Brock Hanson
2. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of NCEC by Mr. Johnson, Ms. Owens, m-c.
3. Review of 2011 SCNA Annual powerpoint
4. CPP/Safe: Minneapolis Police Lt. Jim Heimerl 41st year on the job tomorrow. Lived mostly in Frogtown until 6 years ago now live in Plymouth. He currently is the middle watch 3pm-1am.
5. He states: This is a beautiful area. It's had some problems with burglaries. 32nd and Washburn and up north. Some of them were caught, sentenced and out.
6. Have had a decrease in burglaries recently. Don't have the shots fired that we're having near Broadway. Last Thursday 7 shots fired.
7. **Resident question of Lt. Heimerl:** What is the experience level of the officers up here? Very experienced. Above the creek seems to have had a rash of burglaries.
8. SCNA has home vacancies in 7.9% for Shingle Creek and Lind-Bohanon 10% foreclosures.
9. **Resident question of Lt. Heimerl:** As for crimes of opportunity, do our residents still need to be educated about locking up? Need to continually remind residents and send out a message.
10. Community Crime Prevention Specialist: Mary Etzioni distributes hand outs regarding Home Security.
11. Reminds folks about Noise ordinance 10pm
12. Call 911 for a howling dog, Neighborhood pitbulls kept resident from leaving his own home. What should residents do? And what is process?
13. Call 911 anytime you feel threatened. Animal control sends two letters and then they go out and do a site visit.
14. Dusty is Animal Control liaison.
15. Residents believe 4923 Upton Ave N may be a trespass home. Call 311.
16. City Attorney's office prosecutes misdemeanors
17. Nnamdi A. Okoronkwo 612-673-2801 2010 City Attorney's office.
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3. Council Member Barb Johnson

- a. 1.362 Budget: 75% Enterprise funds used to repair/replace capital
- b. City has 3700 employees in the City.
- c. Been 130 million paying debt down from 2002. Frees more money up
- d. GF about 400Million
- e. State provides 23% of LGA. 44% of Property tax.
- f. 20% less employees than 2001.
- g. Certified LGA budgeted. 87.5 M per year. Plan A.
- h. Plan B. 64.4Million we have a plan to make additional cuts this year. Payment would start in June. Senate Bill. House Bill zero's us out in 2014.
- i. Will have to absorb cut in 6 months.
- j. Challenges currently with Pensions. Old Police and Fire funds. Closed to new members. Consist of beneficiaries. 70-74% funded. We aren't in control of how these are calculated. We're in a lawsuit. We've had two auditors to help merge these two funds
- k. Minneapolis sends sales tax 400M so in best case scenario we get back 67M.
- l. Neighbors up here didn't see spikes in property taxes.
- m. 4th Ward property tax 12.5 in Victory, SCNA
- n. **Resident question to CM Johnson:** How does that take into account vacant properties? A: Foreclosures not calculated into this. 800 people contacted CM's about property tax increase. 7.5% had been approved. 6.5% Mayor's recommendation. We went back to 4.7%. Had to cut 14Million from budget, 2 year wage freeze. It's a challenge this year.
- o. **Resident question to CM Johnson:** The state reimburse for the public buildings. Are we still being reimbursed for the public buildings? A:Property tax thing is insane! If all property tax would be taxed then all taxes would be lower. Tax law is state law. 1/3 of property is tax exempt.

p. **Resident question to CM Johnson:** In St. Paul street maintenance fee. Also get from exempt properties. 20M or more from the street maintenance fee. Would that be plowing? Where does the revenue go? A: General fund.

q. **Resident question to CM Johnson:** How does Mpls stack up to other cities of similar size? And 50% Cap of NRP: Can you tell us anything more? NRP is an issue and we want to understand. A: For us for this budget it's a matter of tugging on us. 2.68 Million that's going back to NRP. We're asking everyone to share the pain. Street lighting fee?: No support on the council for that.

r. **Do you ever see a time that there would be a thaw of the frozen NRP funds?** We don't know the TIF funds in the future. If we have an economic upswing then the TIF district could possibly grow beyond what the projection is but could also be bad. If the TIF district grows could it be possible to use these funds for NRP? It is within the realm of possibilities.

s. Do you think the Viking stadium could come?

t. Reprogramming 2012 and 2013 10Million the consolidated TIF funding would pick up the life span. 10M would be only used for neighborhood programming not the City only 3% of the 300Million commitment.

4. Annual Reports and Elections

a. Motion to approve the profit & loss statement 2010 Ms. Owens, Ms. Thayer, m-c

5. Board Elections:

a. Jeff Johnson, Brian Hitchcock, Carol McCrillis, John Theis, Lori Thayer

b. Motion to adopt the slate by Jeff Johnson, Marie Castle, m-c

c. Received an resignation email from Brian Prenier.

d. Congratulations all elected board members.

6. Shingle Creek Clean-up update:

a. Signs arrived today

b. Raptors Center will be here and we'll have a bald eagle. Price should be the same

c. Paul Chesney will be here again, two Master Gardeners, MN Science Museum, Wenk and Associates

d. 57 Tshirts will also be available. First 57 people will get them.

7. NCEC Meeting: Jeff Strand reports

a. Would like to suggest that SCNA not be absent from April 16 meeting.

b. The election process would follow the 2009 process

c. Brock recommends the 2009 process. Each board elects representatives.

d. Relevant affiliations: District 1

e. Motion to send Jeff Strand to the NCEC meeting representing SCNA that u want the #1 for election process, #3, and #2 by Marie Castle, Carol McCrillis, m-c

8. Monthly Reports:

a. Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the March 2011 Board meeting by Carol McCrillis, Pam Owens, m-c:

b. Treasurer's Report: Monthly reports distributed

i. Signs: \$989

ii. Reimbursements Jeff Johnson

iii. \$174.56

iv. Motion to approve and pay the bills by Mr. Strand, Ms. McCrillis, m-c

v. Bank account is migrating to Wings/ \$12/monthly fee. \$5.00 fee

vi. Other banking accounts: Small business account: TCF bank doesn't charge anything.

vii. CD Matures this month.

viii. Motion to authorize the neighborhood banking account to FDIC institution that has lower fees and to roll over the CD into the Checking by Mr. Strand, Mr. Johnson, m-c

9. Old/New Business:

a. Water Permit and Fees new for Community Gardens: 750 gallons for 100c ft of water. Should send this to Mayor's office

b. Move to pay the \$50 fee and investigate the new city fees by Mr. Strand, Ms McCrillis, m-c

c. Motion to reconsider the motion about water by Marie, Jeff Johnson, why do we need a garden anyway?

d. Motion to Call the question by Jeff Strand, Lori Hanson, m-c

e. Motion to reconsider the motion to pay the water fees, motion fails.

10. Motion to adjourn by Mr.Strand, Ms. Hanson, m-c at 8:58pm

Respectfully submitted by staff

Chair _____

Date _____