

East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2022, 7 pm

Hybrid at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church / via Zoom

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Paul Lussenhop (President), Adam Olsen (Treasurer), Ben Riskin, Bobbie Keller, Caren Dewar, Dane Van Slooten (virtual), Harry Savage, Joshua Christianson (virtual), Luke Varien, Thang Holt

Staff Present:

Cuyler Dinegan, Coordinator

Guests Present:

- Steven Gallagher, NCR Neighborhood Program Manager
 - Anja Curiskis, Lee Todd, and other East Bde Maka Ska residents
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1) Welcome

Outgoing President Paul Lussenhop called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2) Steven Gallagher, NCR

- NCR is asking all Neighborhood Associations to fill out a representation survey, to see if Boards are truly representative of their communities. Steven provided survey to Board members.
- Steven discussed a rough background of the City Funding structure, how it came to be what it is today, and what he expects in the near future.
- Steven encouraged the Board to reach out if we'd like to learn more about NCR. Our direct Neighborhood Specialist is Aryca Meyer, and there are NCR staff who specialize in bylaws, IT, and more.

3) Annual Meeting Recap

- NCR is asking all Neighborhood Associations to fill out a representation survey, to see if Boards are truly representative of their communities. Steven provided survey to Board members.
- Good turnout, good food, good speakers!
- Total cost was \$2030 (\$1000 mailer, \$150 venue, remainder paid event coordinator)

- Community members wanted more time with the speakers, some speakers could have organized their thoughts a bit better.
- Suggestion to keep event to first week in October, hosted late due to Coordinator hiring
- Proposal to contact Councilmember Aisha Chughtai about attending future meetings, which Coordinator will follow up on.

4) Elections

Opened nominations for President, Harry Savage and Thang Holt offered.

- Harry: *Love the neighborhood and the City. Passionate about golf courses, leadership, open to ideas. Leadership's about having ideas and guiding people with those ideas, and depending on a team to get things done. Would be happy to do this if blessed to be endowed as President by you folks. We can make a great neighborhood together in Bde Maka Ska. Passionate about neighborhood, would be passionate to be your President.*
- Thang: *I've led orgs for 13 yrs, networking, professional, community development (Pres. VP, Chairs) Have experience in that world, passion for engaging people. I sell real estate and lead real estate team, loved EBMS for the last 11 years, bought our home the last year, plan to be here for a while. Hope to build org, activities, HEAR what the people need and help provide solutions.*
- Thang wins the vote by paper ballot / Zoom.

Opened nominations for Vice President, Luke Varian and Harry Savage offered.

- Luke: *Renter engagement is key and diversity in our board would keep the health going long-term. Many renters become homeowners - if they like being here, they'll stay here.*
 - Harry: *It'd be an opposite vision here. Luke shows an active, engaged VP that could conflict with Pres. I'd be standing in the background, supporting the Committees. There are different philosophies, but I wouldn't want to step on a President's toes.*
 - Luke Varien wins the vote by paper ballot / Zoom.
- Adam remains Treasurer, uncontested.
- Secretary Kari Krautbauer will soon be out on maternity leave.
 - Joshua Christianson accepts the role of Secretary, uncontested.

Proposal to utilize an Executive Committee, to coordinate with Cuyler. We have new Coordinator, President, all the officer roles. To be able to be a single resource for Cuyler without looping in everyone. Seconded, mention the org has had this subcommittee before, and with newer Board members having a smaller group to expedite decisions sounds good.

5) President's Report

- Board Member Training forthcoming - aiming to develop a training with former Coordinator Monica, past Board member Lee Todd, any folks who'd be willing to talk.
- Retreat proposed, ideally food provided over breakfast and lunch. Discussion over 1 long day or two half days. Two half days preferred.

6) Staff Report

- Cuyler's redesigned October Newsletter had strong performance, looking for an outgoing President's Note from Paul, updating the website and reviving social media on the horizon - a communications audit will begin when there's time.

7) Treasurer's Report

- Adam is in possession of archives now - 6 bankers boxes of loosely organized files. Turned website notes/files over to Cuyler. We have a plan for the website going forward, but maybe with the new Board we should open it up. Adam is currently bookkeeping.

8) Open Forum

- Neighborhood Connector saves room for Neighborhood articles (800 wds + pics)
 - Anja: Thought I'd do an article about Historical Signs, to move things along.
 - Bobbie: I tried to use the Connector, but my tech is aging out. I'd want to talk to the Editor about they want, then talk with you all about what we want to surface.
 - Thang: Could be that we rotate Committee action items for each issue.
- Thang: Next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 1st. Next Livability Meeting is 11/21.
- Anja: We have swag I'd like Board folks to be wearing. Could do buttons, reflective vests
 - Let's revisit swag! There's a lot of pride in the neighborhood.
 - Luke: Once we get nonprofit status, it'll slash cost of swag.
 - Budget for Social? Monica always took care of it... (\$95 monthly, \$1200 yearly)

9) Adjournment

- New President Thang Holt moved to adjourn at 9pm.