

Kutzky Park Neighborhood Association
May 10, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Jesse Welsh, President jessemoranwelsh@gmail.com
2. **Welcoming Remarks:** Jacque Jones jones.jacque@mayo.edu
3. **Report from Rochester Police Department:** Officer Greg Jeardeau gjeardeau@rochestermn.gov
 - (a) Officer Jeardeau reported that the park atmosphere has improved dramatically since the alcohol-free ordinance went into effect. So far police have encountered only 2 violations of the ordinance and the violators have been cooperative.
 - (b) The officer explained that what GF witnessed a month ago was the police response to a building alarm at the United Way building.
 - (c) Recent night patrols observed in the neighborhood are looking for any more suspicious activity by Rickford Munger.
 - (d) Officer Jeardeau thinks it is likely that the woman who took pictures of license plates of cars in driveways on 2nd St, NW was documenting the renting of driveway parking to non-residents.
4. **Committee Updates**
 - (a) **Communications:** Susan Goettsch, Secretary goettsch.susan@gmail.com
 - i. Our KPNA website software has been updated to WordPress version 4.5.1, so the website's appearance has changed and more changes are coming. Suggestions are welcome.
 - (b) **Social Committee:** Tim Hawkins timothy.hawkins1123@gmail.com
 - i. The first “Yoga in the Park” sessions will be June 11 & 25 at 10 am. Meet near park shelter and bring yoga mats. Participants will sign a release.
 - ii. The KP Block Party will be June 18, starting at 3 pm, on 13th Ave, NW between 1st & 2nd Streets, NW. There will be a bags tournament and other activities, similar to those of last year. *Seeking volunteers!*
 - (c) **Philanthropy Committee:**
 - i. *Thanks* to those who helped with park clean-up on April 23rd.
 - (d) **Development Committee:** (Alatus Project discussed under *New Business*)
 - (e) **Treasury Update:**
 - i. The permit fee for the block party will be \$50.
 - ii. The position of Treasurer will remain open unless someone volunteers. We only have a small bank balance and little activity in the account.
5. **New Business:**
 - (a) “Nature in your Neighborhood” overview presented by Joel Dunnette, from the Zumbro Valley Audubon Society. Joel described the many benefits of time spent in natural settings. He is encouraging people to become acquainted with their parks. The events planned are aimed at getting children and parents comfortable and interested in nature. Events & dates are posted on our website. August date is misprint – date is Saturday, August 13th.
 - (b) Alatus Project by Bob Lux and Ed & Nick Pompeian to replace Brentwood and Ray-Mar motels and several houses on the SW corner of 2nd St, SW & 14th Ave, SW.
 - i. The developers have reached out early to the impacted neighborhoods and the project is generally viewed favorably, with traffic mitigation the main concern due to 900

- proposed parking spaces (hidden from view on all sides by outward-facing commercial and residential facades.
- ii. Jesse Welsh has attended meetings between the developers and the Folwell Neighborhood Association and will invite the developers to present their plans to us.
 - iii. The \$100M project includes luxury apartments, street-level commercial space, and townhomes for step-down. It will be similar to the Latitude 45 Apartments in Minneapolis developed by Alatus LLC.
- (c) Neighborhood Awards planned for June. Seeking suggestions of people deserving recognition.
 - (d) PrideFest appreciated KPNA's interest in having PrideFest in Kutzky Park and are considering the park for their daytime events next year.
 - (e) Colorful crosswalks at 11th Ave & 2nd St, NW were painted during the night by unknown parties. Drivers have been more responsive to pedestrians in the intersection. Tim Hawkins has talked to Rene at RNeighbors about possible colorful crosswalks projects using reflective paint. Need for upkeep discussed, but attendees were interested in pursuing.
- 6. Old Business:**
- (a) Banners will go up in the park within the next month. The costs were covered by a grant from RNeighbors and by developer Peter Gerrard, who paid for the banners on the east side of 11th St, NW and the installation fee for all the banners.
 - (b) Farmers' Market found permit costs to locate in Kutzky Park on Tuesdays prohibitive.
 - (c) Community garden discussed. We will advertise it more next year. Forager will fill it with soil and use it this year, then provide us with feedback.
 - (d) Community events in Kutzky Park. Jesse Welsh to meet with Mark Nigbur from Park & Rec regarding our hope the park can be utilized for more events. They will also discuss the installation of the park banners and the timeline for posting the alcohol-free signs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Announcements

Date Correction: August "Nature in Your Neighborhood" event date is Saturday, August 13th