

Kutzky Park Neighborhood Association  
October 11, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Jesse Welsh, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. [jessemoranwelsh@gmail.com](mailto:jessemoranwelsh@gmail.com)
2. **Welcoming Remarks:** In Jacque Jones' absence, Tim Hawkins welcomed new resident, Julie Shirley, and other attendees to the meeting. [jones.jacque@mayo.edu](mailto:jones.jacque@mayo.edu)
3. **Report from Rochester Police Department:** Officer Greg Jeardeau reported that it has been quiet in the neighborhood. He was not aware of any complaints related to PorchFest. Residents are encouraged to contact him with any concerns by email at [gjeardeau@rochestermn.gov](mailto:gjeardeau@rochestermn.gov).
4. **Committee Updates:**
  - (a) **Communications:** Susan Goettsch, Secretary [goettsch.susan@gmail.com](mailto:goettsch.susan@gmail.com) Susan is hoping to finish updating the KPNA website soon.
  - (b) **Social Committee:** Tim Hawkins [timothy.hawkins1123@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.hawkins1123@gmail.com)
    - i. The KPNA "Fall Krawl" - our traditional progressive dinner - has been postponed to November 5<sup>th</sup>. Hosts are still being finalized, but the date is firm.
    - ii. The Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 30. Costumed participants are to meet in the United Way parking lot at 3:30 pm. Adults, accompanied children, and pets are welcome. Others are encouraged to bring candy and line the parade route. The parade will head west on W. Center Street, north on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and east on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NW. Glenn will check on access to the United Way bathrooms and gym (in case of inclement weather).
  - (c) **Philanthropy Committee:** Thanks were extended to those who helped plant trees in the neighborhood on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - (d) **Development Committee:**
    - i. Neighbors were encouraged to voice their opinions on the Miracle Market project by attending the City Planning & Zoning Committee meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – and at the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2016. Both meetings will be held at City Council Chambers, Government Center.
  - (e) **Treasury Update:** No report.
5. **New Business:**
  - (a) Attendees were asked to suggest questions for the Neighborhood Survey being developed.
  - (b) The Good Neighbor Award was postponed because the recipient was not present at tonight's meeting.
  - (c) Bob Andrews reported that he has been in touch with Joel Dunnette from the Zumbro Valley Audubon Society about the possibility of developing a small wildlife habitat for birds on a piece of parkland along the south side of Cascade Creek between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NW and 8 ½ Avenue, NW. He shared printed email correspondence with Joel. Joel emphasized that the

adjacent neighbors would have to support the project. He is willing to visit the site if they are. If ongoing support for the project can be found, the Audubon Society would be willing to join the neighborhood in approaching the parks department. Bob noted that the clearing of brush by residents on park land adjacent to their properties is destroying wildlife habitat.

## **6. Old Business:**

- (a) Discussion of “Miracle Market” development at the south end of the Miracle Mile. Since the last neighborhood meeting and the September 14<sup>th</sup> City Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, Nate Stencil has been dismissed by Mr. Javon Bea (whose corporation owns the Miracle Mile) and the grocery store tenant for the project has been confirmed to be Fresh Thyme. At the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the CPZC voted to continue the hearing on the project until September 28<sup>th</sup>, but that hearing was postponed to tomorrow night (Oct. 12) because of failure to adequately notify the public of the plan for September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- (b) Concerns about the project include the orientation of the proposed building, with the back side facing the neighborhood – and the offset intersection at W. Center Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Councilman Michael Wojcik said offset intersections cause left turns to intersect, making left turns hazardous. Sean Allen, candidate for councilman at large, said he would rather have nothing than something that will solidify the bad decisions of the 1950's for the next 80 years. A handout detailing the history of the project, neighborhood concerns, and how to contact City Council representatives was provided. Neighbors were encouraged to attend the upcoming meetings on the project and to email members of the City Council.
- (c) It is unknown who will be presenting the project to the City Planning and Zoning Commission tomorrow night (Oct. 12) and to the City Council on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. City attorney, Terry Adkins, has said the City Council can review the project, even if the CPZC has not ruled. Councilman Michael Wojcik said he is unsure how the project got on the October 17<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda without a councilperson requesting it. Councilman Mark Hickey reportedly told Kellie Mueller that enough neighborhood protest could influence his vote. Andy Masterpole and Glenn Faith will be giving a powerpoint presentation showing how the project could be improved at both meetings.

## **Announcements**

- The Historic Southwest Neighborhood Association will be holding a town hall forum for the City Council President candidates on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Zumbro Lutheran Church.

## **Future Agenda Items**

- EAB Education & Neighborhood Strategy
- A presentation from Friends of Indian Heights regarding the work they did to improve their park and secure funding is being arranged. Date is yet to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.