

Kutzky Park Neighborhood Association
May 8, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** Emily Lynch, President lynch_emily@yahoo.com
2. **Welcoming Remarks:** Jacque Jones jones.jacque@mayo.edu
 - Many neighbors in attendance and we're happy to see everyone
3. **Report from Rochester Police Department:** Officer Doug Remling dremling@rochestermn.gov
 - Very few calls are being received involving Kutzky Park. This is the best Officer Remling has seen Kutzky in 23 years. He did advise neighbors to avoid the Sudanese man in camouflage pants as he is a little erratic and is seen all over town.
 - Jeff Boehmer had reported some people walking the river and looking into homes. Reminder that the non-emergency number to report such incidents is 507-328-6800
 - Officer Remling started a program in Meadow Park that he would like to expand to Kutzky Park. The program is called Cops and Kids Community Bike Program. He started by repairing bikes for kids in Meadow Park and expanded to providing bikes for those in need. His group is now working with organizational sponsors to supply helmets, bike parks, and they are raising money to buy a trailer that will be used as a mobile bike repair.
4. **Committee Updates**
 - **Communications:** Jacque Jones, Secretary jones.jacque@mayo.edu
 - Encouraged everyone to bring a new neighbor to the June meeting
 - **Social Committee:** Tim Hawkins, Chair timothy.hawkins1123@gmail.com
 - i. Litter Bit Better Park CleanUp Update
 - 10 people gathered April 28 for coffee, doughnuts, and the cleanup effort. There is not as much trash as in previous years, possibly due to a community service cleanup earlier in the month
 - ii. The Summer Kutzky Krawl will be in July and two neighbors have volunteered to host.
 - iii. National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 7. Is there interest in having a pot luck?
 - iv. PorchFest is being planned for Saturday, September 15.
 - **Development Updates**
 - i. Miracle Mile Project Residences open September/October, and the Fresh Thyme grocery will open in January, 2019
 - ii. The Alatus Project experienced sinkholes similar Miracle Mile but is now back on track
 - iii. Tim, Emily, Gail, Terry, and Julie attended a meeting discussing the project on the former Virgil's site. The developer company, EKN, is in California and also owns the Holiday Inn downtown that will be turned into an Indigo Hotel, and the American Legion site. Virgil's will be 2 hotels in the same complex with retail /business on the street level. Kutzky neighbors were pleased that the developer the neighbors to be happy with his project. Some residential on the first street side was suggested to his plan.

- iv. Prow Parking Lot proposal is on the NW side of the bridge on the west side of 11th. Four houses will be demolished. The reason for a temporary parking lot is because the VA clinic is looking at space in the Wonder Bread Building and employees need more parking, if that site is chosen for the location.
 - This plan goes to planning and zoning tomorrow at 6pm in the council chambers in city hall. Neighbors think this is not good for the neighborhood but if it goes through, we would request improved crosswalk/signage. Planning and zoning makes a recommendation and then it goes to the city council. This is Mark Hickey's ward we are one week too late to have a letter go to the city clerk. This will be the 4th agenda item at the council and staff recommended approval with conditions
- v. There was a handout of the 13th Ave Utility Project. It will start in late August/September. There will be temporary access to park from 16th and the neighborhood suggested to make that permanent. Thank you for attending the meeting, Gail.
- vi. 2nd Street Redesign – includes crosswalks and signs and a tunnel going under the street. The Tinns and Tonic buildings would be turned into a transit center for pedestrians. And a barricade to prevent people from jaywalking is proposed.
- vii. United Way property was for sale for a short time and is no longer for sale. Justin contacted the CFO of United Way and there are no plans to offer the property for sale
- **Treasury Update:** Justin Merritt, Treasurer Justin.b.merritt@gmail.com
 - i. \$758.75

5. New Business

- Gail brought samples of invasive mustard and urged everyone to dig them out, place them in a plastic bag, tie it and get rid of the bag. Invasive Mustard is also a high allergen.
- Ann urged everyone to attend the **Art for Trails** bike ride (or walking).

6. Old Business

- KPNA Board Elections were challenged but the person is no longer part of the neighborhood. Because the revision of the by-laws is not complete, it was decided to let this go this year but be certain to adhere to improved by-laws for next year's election
- The Raise the Net Fundraiser was an extremely successful event and grossed \$84,000.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- Architecture of the 1920s Lecture; May 8th 6:30 – 8:00pm, Plummer House. Tickets for sale online at <https://bit.ly/2EAeMWI> (see email sent on 4/9/18).