

**Minutes of Crawford-Marlborough-Nakoma Neighborhood Association
January 9, 2017**

Present: Mike Finnegan, Mary Odell, Kim Kindschi, Kevin Pomeroy, Ralph Stamler, Margie Zutter, Sue Reget, Ed Lightbourn, Carol Buelow

Absent: Trish Iacarino, Barbara Granick

CMNNA residents: Sharon and Ken Koenig, Terri Lefebvre, Joe Kampshure, Larry Dooley

1. Approval of December 14, 2016 minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Kim Kindschi reported that the remaining balance as of Jan. 9, 2017 was \$223.00.

The grant from the city was for \$4,550.00. We have until Jan. 15 to spend that amount.

We have approximately \$2,452.00 to still spend, minus post office mailing and postcard charges for February 13, 2017 meeting mailing. Plus expenses by President Odell for stamps.

Motion and approval of Treasurer's report.

3. President's report

President Odell updated guests of the monetary grant received by the city. Volunteer hours by the CMNNA development group will need to be sent to the city. The president will send any forms requested by the city to volunteers.

4. Unfinished business

A. Update on demolition and rebuilding at the Kruse home at 701 Ottawa Trail. Plans submitted to the city show the garage rotated and facing the cul de sac, as mentioned as a possible change by Dan Kruse at the December meeting.

The CMNNA board received and accepted the revised plan of 701 Ottawa Trail.

B. Magnolia Hill demolition has begun, to be replaced as another continuous care facility, Oak Park Place. Question of whether we can get a progress update from the city.

Kevin Pomeroy will create a website category under land use for projected changes in the neighborhood. Joe Kampshure suggested the CMNNA Board develop a process for residents to alert the CMNNA about renovations, demolitions, etc.

C. Update on Nakoma Road/ Midvale No Turn on Red Sign

Carol Buelow has not received a response from the city yet.

Sharon Koenig shared concerns about the turn left lane from Nakoma Rd. onto Verona Road. Many drivers use the middle lane, for going straight ahead to turn left.

D. Update on Flashing Crosswalk Lights at Nakoma Road and Cherokee

President Odell spoke to Jerry Nash from the city transportation department and was told that, while the lights were a good idea, the proposal would have to go into the 2018 city budget. President Odell will draft a letter formally requesting this.

Kim Kindschi suggested a copy of the letter be sent to the residents who brought up this concern.

Discussion about a pathway between 4016 and 4018 Cherokee Drive that children use to get across the street.

E. A **postcard** announcing the Feb. 13, 2017 "Open Forum on Neighborhood Safety" will be sent to all CMNNA residents. Ralph Stamler will send a few questions ahead of time to the police liaison.

5. New Business

A. Native plant garden at green space by the pedestrian/bike bridge.

Carol Buelow spoke about her plans to create a native plant garden. She has contacted the DOT for information and would like to obtain city assistance to not use herbicides or insecticides in this location. Her research has found that for \$80-\$100.00 enough seed can be planted to cover the 1,000ft. space. She will get assistance from staff at the Arboretum as to best practices.

Carol will also complete an Encroachment Application Procedures application that will go to a city committee for approval. A motion was approved to support Carol's endeavors to beautify the CMNNA area.

B. Nextdoor.com and other social media

Kevin Pomeroy spoke about the name map and name change on Nextdoor.com. All the houses that are in the CMNNA area are now shown correctly on the map. Unfortunately, the name for the area now is "Nakoma." Discussion centered around whether the name should be challenged to reflect the CMNNA designation by the city. Of the three Nextdoor "leads" two do not support the change to CMNNA as either too long or difficult for Nakoma residents to accept.

The question of what should the CMNNA board do about this was not resolved.

C. Endorsements

Maurice Cheeks contacted Pres. Odell in search of an endorsement for his upcoming reelection bid. Pres. Odell stated that the CMNNA should not endorse any candidate. Discussion supported the President's opinion.

Kevin Pomeroy asked if a board member could cite being a CMNNA Board member when donating money to a campaign. After a lively discussion, the following motion was made and passed regarding this issue.

Any board member of CMNNA can contribute and endorse political candidates individually, but not as a representative of the neighborhood association, nor can the organization's name be used as part of the endorsement.

Motion to adjourn approved.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Reget

NEXT CMNNA meeting is Monday, February 6, 2017 at Sequoya Library at 6:30

