

Board Meeting
February 9, 2017

In attendance: Melissa Williams, Charlie Christopherson, Scott Simmons, Max Herzberg, Ian Luby, Michael Russelle, John Mark Lucas
Staff: Cailin Rogers, Suyapa Miranda

Minutes and consent agenda	Ian asked to pull the Environment Committee consent agenda item on the ten year plan off the consent agenda for more discussion. Michael moved to pass the agenda and minutes as amended. Ian seconded. The group unanimously agreed.
Committee Updates	Chairs of each of the committees walked the board through the minutes of their most recent meetings.
777 Vandalia Trucking Variance	<p>The potential buyers of 777 Vandalia, A1 Trucking, joined us to ask for support in a variance for their parking lot. The parking lot calls for 37 spots, but because their business specifically works on trucks and trucks are larger, they are petitioning the city for 13 fewer spots to have 24 spots total. They are moving their business from Roseville to St. Anthony Park. They currently have five employees but will probably hire two more at this new location.</p> <p>Ray moved to send a letter of support for this variance proposal to the Board of Zoning and Appeals. Scott seconded. It passed unanimously.</p>
2017 Budget	<p>The Board reviewed the 2017 budget. They would like the numbers for the past two years to compare this budget against. They would also like to see the current numbers on the reserve as well as the balance sheet and 2016 cash flows.</p> <p>Members of the board asked to adjust the budget to include projected programming costs.</p> <p>Melissa moved to approve the budget. Ray seconded. John Mark asked for a quarterly update in May or April. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
Policies and Procedures	<p>We cannot adopt some measures in Policies and Procedures until the bylaws are changed which requires public notification.</p> <p>The Board discussed some of the areas that the group working on the document couldn't come to a conclusion on. John Mark moved to approve the 50% quorum recommendation with the understanding that the Bylaws supersede Policies and Procedures (and with the intention to change the Bylaws in the immediate future). Ian seconded. Six members voted in favor with Melissa abstaining from the vote.</p> <p>Ray moved to table the rest of the discussion. Ian seconded. It passed unanimously.</p> <p>Cailin will redline the changes to the document and re-share.</p>

Goals 2017	<p>The group discussed the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Balance the budget -Finalize Policies and Procedures -Implement the Equity Framework in a practicable and measureable way, including peer-to-peer trainings and conversations -Bring an equity lens to everything we do, including examples like asking Committee chairs to report back on the equitable framing of their committee meetings and printing out equitable questions to refer to during meetings. -Host an annual meeting (consistent with other goals). We may need an ad hoc committee to work on this. <p>Build out quality and quantity in our communication network and explore new streams for communication.</p> <p>Michael moved to adopt these goals. John Mark seconded. It passed unanimously.</p>
Community Garden Update	<p>Comparison numbers are coming in from a broker. We only have very preliminarily started the process. We know that we're looking at about \$5 or \$6 per square foot. We should expect a value of over \$100k. We are not motivated sellers so we don't even know if we will sell any part of the land.</p>
Staff Updates	<p>Chiara Marano, who has a Master's in Applied Political Leadership, will be joining the staff as an Executive Assistant.</p> <p>We will bring on a grad student named Samantha from the University of Minnesota to work on our food justice program.</p> <p>We are undergoing an audit from our insurance company.</p> <p>We need new signatories for Sunrise Banks. John Mark moved for Scott, Ray, and Michael to be those signatories. Ian seconded. It passed unanimously.</p> <p>Sasha will join our next meeting to work on diversity training. The group agreed on a 3 hour time block (with food) starting at 6:00pm.</p>
Other Updates	<p>Michael mentioned a need to have more members on the steering committee for the Ten Year plan. Cailin volunteered. It will also include Sherm Eagles and Steve Yetter.</p> <p>Cailin can write about the steering committee in the newsletter. They plan to meet monthly and exchange emails in between.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Adjourn at 9:06pm.</p>