



Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association

December 11, 2007

Attendees: Brock Hanson(C), Jeff Johnson (VC), Gail Anderson (T), Jeffrey Strand (S), Brian Hitchcock, Cheryl Anderson, Lynn Hauger, Lori Thayer(e), Virginia Bratton(e), Marie Castle(e),

Guest: Mary Scott, Pam Owens

1. Welcome and introductions meeting and call to order by Chair Brock Hanson at 6:35pm
2. Thank you to Mary Scott for last month's newsletter article
3. **Agenda** add Housing Fair Motion and approve the agenda Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Strand, m-c
4. **Officers Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - i. Ms. G. Anderson suggests to change term of CD's currently half the money in 6 month and half 12 months.
 - ii. Some concern about whether to hold 12month CD until 2009
 - iii. Motion by Mr. Strand to accept the treasurer's report, pay the monthly bills, and refer the decision regarding the CD's to the Finance committee meeting for consideration and to bring back a suggestion at the next meeting, 2nd Mr. J Johnson, m-c
 - B. **Secretary's Report**
 - i. Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Strand, Ms. G. Anderson, discussion, amend Brian Hitchcock was in attendance, m-c
5. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Shingle Creek Elementary Magnet(SCEM) School Reuse:** Jeff Johnson: Minutes distributed, had three people in attendance at committee meetings, had YEP, Emily Stull participating, in the last meeting came up with 4 Key points for the SCNA Board to consider. Committee looking for a SCNA Board input on the 4 points and would suggest taking the \$25,000 Webber Library funds for the Shingle Creek Reuse to show a financial commitment and stronger voice. The neighborhood school is paramount to neighborhood looking into the future. Board Comments:
 - B. **The Proposed Four SCNA Key Points for the Shingle Creek Reuse:**
 1. **Importance of keeping Shingle Creek Elementary a school structure for the future is very important to SCNA Board.**
 2. **Don't want to see the school razed and housing built on that site.**
 3. **Has to be self-sustaining plan for the reuse of the building.**
 4. **SCNA Financial commitment toward the Shingle Creek Reuse**
 - C. **Board Comments:**
 - Brian Hitchcock:** Has attended all three meetings for the School Reuse: Bonnie and Brian Hitchcock and CM Johnson attended the last meeting. CM Johnson's comment to keep it as a Charter School would be preference.
 - ii. Possibilities suggested to move Park Activities over to the Shingle Creek Elementary and would have more meeting space also.
 - iii. Reuse should make money to pay for debt on the school building.
 - iv. Mr. Hitchcock was surprised YEP didn't attend if they were interested in space.
 - v. Don't want to lose green space.
 - vi. Building is 53,000 sq ft.
 - Jeff Strand:** Phase II addressed SCEM reuse.
 - i. Try and remain flexible for changing opportunities for reinvestment.
 - ii. Now would be the wrong time to switch the Webber Library earmarked funds to the investment since the County will be looking for investment in 2009-2010 when the look to build a 15million new library facility.
 - iii. Agree we should keep infrastructure.
 - iv. Opposed to Charter schools to compete with Public schools.
 - v. Intrigued with Park Board uses and a community Center.
 - vi. Would support finding and allocating some funds. And publicize in advance to see if there are others that have opinions.
 - Gail Anderson:** Sorry to school closed.
 - i. Don't want to see it torn down. Would also support the Public Schools.
 - ii. Montessori could be used at the school.
 - iii. Park Board is a good possibility.
 - iv. English as a Second Language services would be good use.
 - v. North Minneapolis ends at Lowry. We don't count at a lot of meetings she attends.
 - Mary Scott:** Have enough empty housing in our neighborhood so don't need housing. Some of these other options seem good.

Lori Hanson: No new comments

Pam Owens: Don't want to see it torn down. We have a building so use it.

Lynn Hauger: Prefer not to see housing. Have enough on the Humboldt Greenway, in excess of \$280,000.

- i. Not in favor of more affordable housing because of what Mary said.
- ii. Habitat is Stepping up to deal with Mortgage foreclosure. GHMC, need foreclosed homes back in the market place and get families back in.
- iii. Keep the building and use for training (job training, ESL to prep students for public school system, for cohesiveness of community and teaching situation, remedial learning like Sylvan Learning, Montessori maybe if successful but not competing.)
- iv. Park and Rec What is the strategic plan for them if they have funds or not. Would like to see a profit center to help sustain the building.
- v. As far as the Library goes, we would be remiss if we removed funds from that strategy.
- vi. Did CMBJ have Public Works Engineers or some other City Departments Hennepin County, Park Board, or Private Sector to draw to this site.
- vii. Does Minneapolis have fiberoptic right of way? 911 call center?
- viii. Number 1 interim reuse? To see the building used and then somewhere down the line it would be used as a school? 15 years from now what would it look like? The School want to sell the building.
- ix. SCNA receives NPCR research assistant to help with Charettes in the Spring. Will be interviewing applicants this month to start in 2008.
- x. Consensus there is Long-term value in retaining SCEN school structure for the future; and it's important to the Shingle Creek neighborhood and SCNA Board.
- xi. Consistent with the SCNA Phase II Plan the neighborhood opposes razing the school and housing being built on that site.
- vii. SCNA SCEN reuse committee working toward a self-sustaining plan for SCEN Reuse.
- viii. Peggy Flannigan said School Board would work on communication.
- ix. Motion by Ms. G. Anderson, 2nd Mr. Hauger to adopt the recommendations by the Shingle Creek Reuse committee and add a 5th Point find resources of \$15-\$25,000 as seed money for Lynn Hauger, m-c
- x. Meeting 2nd Monday of every month 6:30pm at Shingle Creek Commons.

C. Finance Committee:

- i. **LOS Contract:** Two amendments to the contract: Approved \$29.00/hour rate. Review of compensation to be reviewed in Dec rather than January to execute the agreement.
- ii. **Paypal:** Started Paypal account for the SCNA website to accept donations. Motion to authorize the Chair to set up a Paypal account and authorize any reductions by the company, by Mr. Strand, Mr. Hauger, m-c

D. Sign Committee: Get invoice from Fast Signs Mr. Hitchcock will work with staff to order the signs to be delivered to Street Department to Pat Grant.

6. SCNA Events and Growth Partnerships

- A. February Block Club Social** SCNA support the block club social Mr. Strand motions, Mr. Hauger 2nd, m-c. Also suggests SCNA could consider something similar to Waite Park: Mini-grants to block clubs, SCNA supportive strategy on page 26 of Phase II plan to do a minor plan mod to give out mini grants to build bridges between neighborhoods and block clubs.
- B. Public Service Announcement/Nancy Kaiser:** Tom and Jean Bain realtors looking to promote the neighborhoods. They filmed the Holiday on 44th event. What five things best represent SC neighborhood to use for the PSA. 1) Shingle Creek 2) Livability, low crime 3) Accessibility and good bus service 4) Diversity 5) Quality of life 6) Bike Paths
- C. Housing Fair:** Would we like to have a table at Northside Housing Fair? Consensus yes.
- D. Guardian Angels:** Friend of Jeff Johnson has approached SCNA to attend an upcoming meeting. They want to get out to all the neighborhoods.
- E. CPED Housing:** Nothing heard to date regarding this
- F. MCNC** is reconvening and have an invited SCNA to send a representative.
- G. Canadian Railroad train** Christmas lights tonight
- H. Bite Prevention** at Jenny Lind. Media covered the program. Had a segment on channel 4 at 6pm. Had 80-90 students go through.
- I. Toys for Tots** this Friday and Saturday

7. Motion to adjourn Mr. Hauger, Mr. Strand at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted
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SCNA staff