

Community Building minutes

9/11/2020

Recorder: Susan Larson-Fleming

Attending: Lynn Van Korf, Jerry Stein, Susan Larson-Fleming, Joe Ring, Vera Marshall, David Frank, Lydia McAnerney, Ben Tuthill, Jeremy Schlitz, Amy Kaminsky

1. All were welcomed and introduced. Agenda Was approved.
2. Joe Ring spoke at length about potential local historic designation for the Glendale Townhomes development. Designation has been approved by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, under the criteria Social and Economic Development. . Glendale was nominated for designation by Council member Cam Gordon after extensive discussions with residents of Glendale and Defend Glendale. PPA does support designation. MPHA opposes designation and has sought to include Glendale in its program to privatize and redevelop public housing. Next step in process is City Council Zoning and Planning committee. Due to Covid, this item has not come up yet on the agenda. Should it do so it is imperative that neighborhood including Glendale support is evident and ready. Only one other public housing development in the US has designation, and that for only a portion. Designation would mean that MPHA would have to make a plan for continued operation of Glendale that Glendale residents would have to approve. Next Steps: Creation of Public Housing subcommittee to meet with Glendale residents to put together talking points and build support. The Committee's previous work with Glendale has built trust. The subcommittee will report back to the Community Building Committee.
3. Subcommittee for Public Housing formed: Jerry, Susan, Lynn, Amy
4. Renter's and Tenants Rights subcommittee formed, led by Jenna Hoge and Ben Tuthill. Jeremy and Kaaha will provide staff support. Kaaha's tenant's rights handbook is nearly finished. The subcommittee will meet soon to establish priorities.
5. Learning Dreams. Survey of Glendale households to determine educational needs and resources is in progress. MPHA is supportive. There is urgency to get going because the school year has started. We hope survey results will lead to creation of a Community Learning Pod for Glendale. NRP money left over in Prospect Park plan will be tapped for funding. 2 motions will appear before the board at the Oct. PPA meeting.
6. Jackson project. We will work with the Pratt PTO and staff on possible playground naming. Jackson presentation to be at the next PTO meeting.
7. Next meeting: October 7, 4 pm.