

Phillips West Neighborhood Organization

Board Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2020

The meeting started at 6:05p.m. by Rebecca Fabunmi.

There was roll call. Absent: Patty Phillips and Alex Palacios

There was a motion to accept the evening's agenda. It was accepted.

November community meeting minutes were moved and accepted.

Presentation from Erin West, Tenant Organizer from Homeline Tenant Advocacy Group. Erin discussed Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (TOPA) program and explained why Homeline is reaching out to neighborhood organizations for support. TOPA promotes the transfer of property ownership to tenants who live in the rental building. They propose that tenants should have the first right to offer to purchase the building, if their building is up for sale. The policy applies to any renter in Minneapolis, including single family homes. This policy does not apply, however, to property owners of only one building.

Homeline and its coalition partners are asking for the support of neighborhood organizations for this program. This requires further discussion from the PWNO board.

Updates from previous meeting: Bank account has not been changed yet for Phillips West Neighborhood Organization.

Garden update: Mira discussed the garden insurance. Our insurance broker will switch in June.

Finance update:

- The current budget was explained. This will also be discussed during the board retreat.
- We currently have very few expenses.
- 2021 budget includes Community Participation Program
- Discussion of NRP funds

Independent Contract Agreement for Mira – this will be discussed more following the retreat in January.

Discussion of board roles and responsibilities (information is in the packet) and the need for positions to be filled. The Board chair space is not open to new members of the board.

Kamil has resigned from the board.

Brief discussion on Committees:

- Outreach
- Garden
- Safety

\$40,000 from the city -There was a discussion of what the money could be used for. The board decided to use the funds for community safety purposes.

Rebecca discussed the proposal to move the community meetings to Monday night; and also that the board members should have Phillips West emails for communication purposes. Ashley moved, and Genna seconded that we all (board members) have Phillips West emails. It was voted upon and the motion passed unanimously.

Mira will communicate via email to each board member regarding the upcoming board retreat.

The meeting ended at 7:30 PM