**West Maka Ska Neighborhood Council Meeting (in person at the Bakken and by Zoom) Minutes**

**April 11, 2023**

**Presided by:** Tim Knight, chair

**Board members in attendance:** Tim Knight, Bob Gordon, Leyden Victoria Iraheta Santos, Lynette Davis, David Stougaard, John Bordwell, Dylan Ohm, Melanie Fehlberg

**Absent:** Allan Campbell, Richard Logan

**Coordinator:** Michelle Sass

Presenter: Thomasina, artist for mural; Carrie Christensen

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

**Approval of March minutes:** Dave moved approval. John seconded. **Minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report**: Have not paid Tangletown yet. Report is done and signed for NCR. Would like to put logo on new checks for checkbook. Need approval of budget and financials. Dave moved to approve financials; Lynette seconded. **Motion Approved.**

Dave to serve as treasurer until October annual meeting at the latest. Still in need of replacement treasurer.

**Earth Day Event:** Things in place and a few still being worked on. Waiting on some other parties. Meeting at Friday at Caribou at 11am to prep. Whole Foods has committed to offering space, We Push for Peace will be present with food truck, give aways for trash pickup with free Ben and Jerrys vouchers, wine tasting offered at MGM during event with local vineyard, dog/child photo booth. Music to be played. Caribou to save the grounds for a coffee grounds giveaway. Concern about staffing. Melanie will send a signup list on slack. Pickup is 9:00 to 11:00am. 11:00am to 3:00pm Neighborhood Social. Viewing poster. Need to make it fit on standard size paper. $100 for dog photo booth, $200 for promotional materials. Motion by Melanie, seconded by Bob. **Motion approved.**

**Thomasina (Tomi), Mural Artist:** “Strengthen ecological connections.” One of the first times the Park Board is sponsoring public art. Park board will maintain. Paint shop will prepare wall and work the artists. Thomasina: Has been doing murals in the Twin Cities. Created two designs. Second design would be more expensive as it requires more paint. Alternative design is basically the same without the lettering. Mural is being done with the Park Board. Need to see if there’s a place on the wall where there is no parking, the alternative versions. Board requested quotes and updates on pricing and any designs to view.

**Green Space:** need to have subcommittee meet first. Need to know about types of plant to possibly incorporate in mural.

**Safety:** We have whistles. To be handed out at Earth Day/Spring Bash event.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Volunteer event planned for April 27. Next one will be in November, on a Saturday. Five open spots for 4/27 last time Michelle checked.

Social media plan: Will post Push for Peace and Spring Event and Habitat for Humanity on social media, $100 for the social media post maximum total for both. Motion by Tim, seconded by Lynette, **motion approved.**

Future meetings: All to be held hybrid. May meeting held at Bakken. Possible tour of Bakken before. June meeting to be held at the Be at Axon Green in the Community room. July meeting at Bakken.

Allan, Michelle, and Tim met last month to review materials of neighborhood documents to donate to Hennepin County Library. To preserve history of neighborhood organizations. We will have access to view any of the documents via virtually or in person downtown at the library. Tim to work on donating to library.

Sponsorship agreement with Bakken: Twelve shows. We got 120 tickets. First event is June. Michelle will follow up with shows. We should see if Open Eye would like to be at the Earth Day event. Need some more info about shows and schedule.

Bob interested in mural updates, will not use Slack. Suggested Microsoft Team. Michelle and Tim voiced open to other suggestions anyone has, understand that Microsoft products may require licensing costs. Lynette states only sees tidbits on slack, sees that she has conversations, but goes to Slack and cannot read it. Coordinator to work on any emails to board members for updates that are needed in case people miss Slack messages.

Council to send best wishes to Richard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.