



# Board Meeting 10/08/2020

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08 October 2020 / 6:00 PM

## BOARD ATTENDEES

Louie, Kevin, Sarah, Kelly, Mawerdi, Megan, Lynn, Greg, Tara

## STAFF

Tabitha, Grace, Ashley, Hannah

## AGENDA / NOTES

### Welcome & Call to order

- Meeting available to all on our YouTube channel afterwards
- Vote results announced Friday Oct. 9
- 2019 Annual Report can be found at <http://ppna.org/about>

### Agenda Review & Adoption

- Amendments?
- Motion to approve Agenda
  - Motion:
  - Second:
  - Unanimous Consent

### Commissioner Conley

- We have all been through so much trauma - don't forget to breathe
- County making moves with CARES money in COVID response
  - Hotel Rooms for people who were packed too tightly in shelter
  - Priorities on higher-risk individuals
  - Changing from a Leasing model to Ownership model, using that housing for transitional housing once COVID is done
  - Approved \$15M in investments to increase capacity for homelessness,

partnering with AICDC and others - including indoor villages & harm reduction models

- County hears women-specific housing is a need, they're still working on it
- Some new capacity - 24x7 access
  - 70 beds by Dec
  - AICDC - 50 beds for men, 15 beds for women, and 15 for couples by Dec

## 2019 PPNA Highlights

- Links available online:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fz6HEoA39uPPXMZlFsaRj2ozYeCAnjEk/view>
- Community Engagement: Event-centered
  - 9 events in 2019, 8 of which were free
  - Only non-free event was our first-ever fundraiser for PPNA
  - \$127,239 of earned income from events in 2019
  - Use these events to facilitate community engagement
- Diversity of voices
  - Partners:
    - Minneapolis Renters' Coalition -
    - South Minneapolis Public Safety Coalition
    - Make Homes happen coalition
    - Community Garden
    - So many more!
  - Advocacy Shop
    - Pop-up to collect & aggregate feedback from community members
- Community Development
  - Provided 36 people cash assistance (Renter Support Fund)
  - Connected directly with City Hall with SMPSC on issues
  - Calling on Mpls to lead investment by focusing on prevention first - i.e. Violence Interrupters
- Economic Development
  - Bringing developers in to present their plans, give feedback to city when appropriate
  - Worked with city on new Cultural Districts
  - Only 21 days required for Neighborhood Associations to receive public notice about a land use application - an opportunity here to improve by extending the # of days required

- Financials
  - Public Support includes \$30k from Graves Foundation for Southside Summit
  - \$90k+ of revenue comes from Powderhorn Art Fair
  - Low cash on statement of financial position due mostly to timing of grants (grants came due / paid in Q1 2020)

## Public Comments

- Russ Adams
  - Wish board members the best
  - Felt compelled b/c of what witnessed @ the east encampment
  - A lot of toxic conversation about this - PPNA should consider best to handle this if it happens again, why was there no door knocking by PPNA
  - Online comments were toxic and assumed anti-encampment groups were all white homeowners who don't understand
  - PPNA took a stance and so needs to connect with neighborhood residents to validate said stance
- Sarah Larsson
  - Easy to see how everyone is working so hard
  - People buying groceries for each other, neighbors supporting each other
  - George Floyd's murder brought that to the next level
  - Let's keep nurturing the new things we've built
- Aaron Keith
  - This year was not normal
  - Need to step up on Police Reform - citizen review board is an option, we should make one to keep police honest
  - Tents are a bad solution
  - We have to stop building affordable housing that gives money to Wall Street
- Maxie Rockymore
  - I hope that we find a way to do something constructive to memorialize George Floyd
  - Something permanent
  - People are making pilgrimages
- Robert Hiatt
  - Registered to speak on accident
- Lynn Hinkle
  - Celebrating the Hubbard Squash
  - Congratulations to the PPNA board & staff for traversing difficult

challenges

- 38th & Chicago shouldn't be opened up, keep it as a place to celebrate & push back against Jim Crow Terrorism in our neighborhood
- We need to step up and deal with homelessness
- Ready to provide Analysis to discover how we can better serve our neighbors
- Adeline
  - (no audio / not present)
- Matthew Jones
  - Registered to speak on accident
- Cajetan Baptista
  - Registered to speak on accident, thanks for putting this together
- Bridget
  - (no audio / not present)

### **Board Candidates | Nominations from Floor**

- No nominations from the floor

### **Board Candidate Statements**

- Cajetan Baptista
  - Accountability, Transparency, Communication
  - Board could benefit from greater transparency and accountability
  - Maybe info about what the board is doing is out there, but nobody can see it
  - Will advocate for better communication to facilitate accountability & transparency
  - Informal survey shows that people who feel unsafe are also those who want to divert funds from police to other city departments
  - Encampments are over, but PPNA should have been communicating about it
  - Board members should live here
- Nicole Duxbury
  - I will bring a capacity for deep listening and shared understanding
  - Biggest interest: highlighting and fostering the goodness that already exists in this community
  - Need a Permanent GFM memorial
  - This will bring resiliency and communication
- April Erickson
  - Been thinking about this since 2016

- Teacher & artist
- Events of this summer pushed me to run for the board
- Always been updating neighbors and communicating to bring people together
- Want to bring people together to promote healing
- Deep healing needed after GFM & Covid
- Mawerdi Hamid
  - On the board for the last 2 years
  - Running today b/c of PPNA's social justice work
  - A sense of community & belonging in this neighborhood that makes it special
  - PPNA home to the fastest growing gentrified neighborhoods, homelessness, drug use, all present before the event of this summer - PPNA has been working on that
  - George Floyd put us in the center of things
  - Working for the community to represent the most marginalized in our neighborhood
- Shanene Herbert
  - Excited to join board, b/c the PPNA reflects her beliefs
  - Working as an Anti-racist organizer
  - Working with IX and lots of other organizations
- Aaron Paul Keith
  - Been working stagecraft since the 80s
  - Been at every block this week - so much love and so much happening here
  - Have experience with police corruption
  - Time for the PPNA to go from the bottom-up
  - We need to manage the police department
  - City is spending \$100M on housing, and with all that we shouldn't have people in tents, plus it's all going to wall street
  - I'll work with anyone, so long as we're moving in a progressive direction
- Lily Lamb
  - Grew up in Powderhorn, met partner in the park
  - Background in non-profit management & a passion for engagement
  - Energized by how we can connect across divides during the uprising
- Robin Russell
  - Lived in Powderhorn for 12 years
  - Mpls 2040 plan - got me interested in trying to prevent gentrification

to make sure there's still a place for me here

- PPNA doesn't have a plan for engagement on Land use / development
- Only have an oversight board and not a working board
- Hope we'll make choices from people who will show up
- I will be pushing for a stronger communication with the community by reinstituting a committee structure that will allow neighborhood participation
- Jennifer Quam
  - Powderhorn brings us together - but everything is testing us now
  - Our relationship with PPNA needs to evolve
  - I work in healthcare & communication, bringing people together to understand needs and goals
  - Want to use these skills to reflect on what the neighborhood needs, and continuing to grow partnerships
  - Providing ways to get neighbors to get involved - leveraging neighbors to help us
  - PPNA needs to create spaces for uncomfortable conversations to bring neighbors together
  - Supporting education events
  - Use PPNA to listen, inform, bring us together, and create experiences in our community
- Sascha Matuszak
  - Journalist by Trade
  - During the last 5-6 mo, got involved with the encampment, GFM, and my neighbors - getting to know each other, helping each other out
  - What I can bring to the table is to take complex situations & distill them to narratives
  - Need to communicate with all types of people in the neighborhood
  - Communicator by nature, can move between lots of social situations
  - Speak Spanish, German, & Chinese
  - Take momentum we gained and make something happen
- Sota Koy
  - Living in Powderhorn for 1y
  - Small business owner, supporting small businesses is important
  - The nation has an eagle eye on us
  - I can use my skills with communication and relationship building to help provide what we need to achieve safety and everything else happening with this pandemic

- Nickey Robare
  - Resident for 6.5 years
  - Background in marketing & nonprofit
  - Firsthand experience with the impact of affordable housing
  - Wholeheartedly support the sanctuary movement
  - Winner of 2014 Shark Tank
  - Need a permanent memorial
  - City needs to respond to the events of George Floyd's murder &
  - Knows what the board can & can't do, where there is a lot of misunderstanding
  - Looking forward to supporting Tabitha
- Rose Teng
  - Works at MCCD
  - Advocate for affordable housing on all levels, support entrepreneurs & nonprofits
  - Lots of potential for community development to lift up people, especially as we reconnect in grief after the murder of George Floyd

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Motion to Adjourn: Kelly

Second: Louie

Unanimous Consent