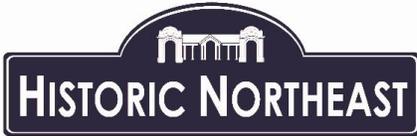


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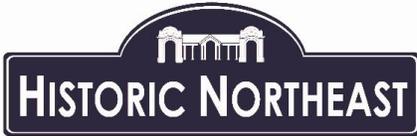
1. The May 2018 NEAT Board of Directors Meeting was held on May 7, 2018 at the Mattie Rhodes Center Northeast office.
2. Julie Lane called the meeting to order at 11:30AM.
3. In attendance were Julie Lane, John Fierro, Ana Ramirez, and Mary Cyr. Alison Bergman and David Stadler joined the meeting shortly after it was called to order.
4. Julie asked those present to read the March 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
5. John motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes. Allison seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.
6. Mary presented the edited Bylaws for discussion, further editing, and approval. The following revisions were made:
 - a. At Section 3.3, add the text “The total number of years that any Director may serve is six (6), that being two (2) three (3) year terms.”
7. Allison motioned to approve the amended By-laws. John seconded the motion. The Bylaws were approved unanimously by the Board.
8. Mary presented the Articles of Incorporation for discussion, further editing, and approval.
 - a. At Article 8, delete the text “influencing legislation” since it was thought this might be perceived as lobbying, which 501c3 nonprofit corporations are barred from doing.
9. John motioned to approve the amended Articles of Incorporation. Allison seconded the motion. The Articles of Incorporation were approved unanimously by the Board.
10. Julie initiated a discussion regarding the Northeast Neighborhoods Leadership Council meetings.
 - a. Julie stated that neighborhood leaders from the Scarrit Renaissance neighborhood have requested that representative from the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Ave. Community Improvement District not be allowed to attend these meeting.
 - b. Julie had conversations with Anna-Marie Tintera, Charlie Hopper, and Michael Donnici about these meetings. Anna Marie and Charlie did not indicate that they necessarily want to attend these meeting.
 - c. Julie stated that if the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Ave. Community Improvement District are allowed to attend these meetings, this could mean that, in the future, other entities that are not neighborhoods may want to attend these meetings as well.
 - d. Mary was asked what the purpose of these meeting is. She stated that this is a working group and that these meetings create unity among the neighborhoods and help to advance the NEAT agenda.



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- e. Julie recommended that since the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Ave. Community Improvement District are not considered a neighborhood, they should not be allowed to attend these meetings unless representatives from other stakeholders like the Kansas City Museum and Hardesty Renaissance EDC are allowed to attend as well.
- f. Neighborhood leaders from the Scarritt Renaissance neighborhood believe that non-neighborhood stakeholder members of the NEAT Steering Committee disbanded under the belief that they would be allowed to attend these meetings. If they had known that they would not be allowed to attend these meetings, they would not have disbanded the NEAT Steering Committee. This was not confirmed by the stakeholders.
- g. Mary was asked to explain the purpose of the NEAT General Meetings. She stated that this meeting was started before the NEAT Director position was funded and filled. The group that attended the NEAT General Meetings was much more involved in the formation of NEAT than the group that attends now is interested in the current activities of NEAT. Mary also stated that the neighborhood residents generally cannot attend the NEAT General Meetings, because they are held during work hours. Attendance at the NEAT General Meetings fluctuate depending on the topic presented and if that is of interest to the stakeholders.
- h. Julie suggested that representatives of the Hardesty Renaissance EDC and the Kansas City Museum go to the NEAT General Meeting in lieu of the Northeast Neighborhoods Leadership Council meetings.
- i. Julie suggested that NEAT enter into a cooperative agreement with the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Ave. Community Improvement District. NEAT can bring Bobbi Baker Hughes in to the Northeast Neighborhoods Leadership Council meetings as they need her.
- j. Mary will no longer invite the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Ave. Community Improvement District to the Northeast Neighborhoods Leadership Council meetings.
- k. Julie agreed to follow up with the Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Ave. Community Improvement District, the Kansas City Museum, and Hardesty Renaissance EDC regarding the consensus on what has been discussed at this meeting.
- l. Alison suggested that Mary create an organizational chart of how NEAT is organized, since there seems to be much confusion on this point. Possibly, this document will be shared with the neighborhood associations.



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11. Julie presented the agenda item of a possible Memorandum of Understanding between MRC and NEAT. David presented some ideas and issues.
 - a. We all need to understand the present and future of NEAT. Presently, MRC supports NEAT with occupancy, infrastructure, and technical and administrative support. Originally, the community wanted NEAT to have a strong backbone so that NEAT would be successful. MRC stepped forward to provide the infrastructure. Currently, NEAT is a program of MRC. The funding that MRC receives for NEAT does not cover all the costs of sustaining NEAT. The gap is filled by in-kind donations from MRC. The future of NEAT and MRC will be dictated by the NEAT Board of Directors. David presented two alternatives: NEAT continues on as it has been as a program of MRC. Or, NEAT becomes a separate entity and subcontracts MRC for the infrastructure it currently provides. The second alternative will involve a complete separation of finances and will involve legal counsel to implement a contract between NEAT and MRC for how they will relate to each other.
 - b. Currently, there's a lot of confusion in the community about the relationship of MRC and NEAT. Some see NEAT as a separate entity, and others see NEAT as part of MRC. These roles must be defined. An example of this confusion was the use of the MRC table cloth at the State of the Northeast Forum.
 - c. People in the community have forgotten about the work MRC has done for NEAT and the Northeast.
 - d. NEAT was created through community engagement, so some residents feel that they have an investment in NEAT. Some Northeast residents believe NEAT was founded to be an organization that collects information from all neighborhoods and facilitates resources. However, the actual position of NEAT has morphed because MRC gave "life" to NEAT through its support of NEAT.
12. John said that he wants NEAT to be a subsidiary of MRC to do economic development and support MRC services.
13. Julie suggested that the name of NEAT change, because the organization has morphed from what it was originally founded.
14. Alison suggested that NEAT become a Missouri Chapter 353 and create a redevelopment organization.
15. As the meeting wound up, it was decided by all that the discussion of the MOU between NEAT and MRC be continued at the next meeting.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.