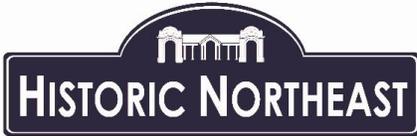


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1. The March 2018 NEAT Board of Directors Meeting was held on March 7, 2018 at the Mattie Rhodes Center Northeast office.
2. Julie Lane called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.
3. In attendance were Julie Lane, Allison Bergman, Ana Ramirez, and Mary Cyr. John Fierro and David Stadler joined the meeting shortly after it was called to order.
4. Julie asked Mary to read the minutes from the January Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and Notes from the Organizational Board Retreat.
5. Mary read the document. Julie identified the following amendment:
 - a. At item #4, change the word “officer” to “officers”.
6. John motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes and Notes as amended. Allison seconded the motion. The Meeting Minutes and Notes were approved as amended unanimously by the Board.
7. Julie reported her attendance at the NEAT Steering Committee on February 28th. In addition to Julie, present at the meeting were Bobbi Baker, Anna Marie Tutera, Michael Donnici, Augusta Wilbon, Dave Shuck, Charlie Hopper, and Mary Cyr. At the meeting, the Steering Committee members shared feedback regarding NEAT to Julie:
 - a. At the meeting, the Steering Committee decided to disband.
 - b. The Steering Committee does not feel connected to NEAT.
 - c. The Steering Committee sees a tremendous value in NEAT.
 - d. The Steering Committee asked for NEAT to be transparent.
 - e. The Steering Committee wants to support NEAT, but they are cautious to do so.
 - f. The Steering Committee sees NEAT as an advocate for the Northeast and as a liaison between the neighborhoods.
 - g. A majority of Steering Committee members want to attend the NEAT Northeast Neighborhoods Leadership Meeting.
8. Julie reported that there is a potential situation of distrust on behalf of the community towards the relationship between NEAT and Mattie Rhodes Center (MRC) that is sourced in the community’s negative experience with the relationship between the Northeast Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) and the Independence Ave. Community Improvement District (CID).
9. John defined the relationship between NEAT and MRC. NEAT facilitates economic and community development in the Northeast. NEAT subcontracts with MRC. NEAT is a tool to generate unrestricted revenue for MRC.
10. David described his history with the Chamber and the origin of some of the distrust among members of the community. Bobbi Baker was Chair and president of the Chamber. Bobbi Baker then became Director of the CID. This was perceived as a conflict of interest. The community had negative issues with how the CID came about



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and how it was funded. Eventually these negative issues turned into an outcry that resulted in an audit of the CID. There was political baggage around the CID that affected the outcome of the audit that further infuriated the community.

11. David stated that NEAT's agenda as defined in the Implementation Plan comes from community engagement that occurred in 2015. He said that the community memory about this is not there and that NEAT needs to talk about what has happened.
12. Allison asked if the mission of NEAT and the CID have any overlap. Julie answered yes. Allison said that NEAT should clarify the role of the CID and NEAT.
13. It was decided that NEAT Steering Committee members not be invited to the NEAT Northeast Neighborhoods Leadership meeting, and that meeting attendance be reserved for members of the leadership teams of the six neighborhoods and the CID. The reason for this decision is to avoid distraction from progress made with neighborhood leaders at these meetings. All NEAT stakeholders are welcome to the NEAT General Meeting where the Director reports on NEAT activities, including work done at the Northeast Neighborhoods Leadership meeting.
14. Changes to the Articles of Incorporation:
 - a. At Article Eight, add the phrases "and commercial development" and "advocacy, and influencing legislation" as shown on the attached document.
15. Changes to the Bylaws:
 - a. At Section 3.1, delete the word "invested" and add the word "vested".
 - b. At Section 3.1, (a), revise to read "supervise, control, direct, develop, and manage the property, affairs, and activities of the Corporation"
 - c. At Section 3.2, (b), add at the end of the paragraph, "This class of Directors shall reside in the Historic Northeast, which includes, but is not limited to, the following neighborhoods: Blue Valley, Forgotten Homes, Independence Plaza, Indian Mound, Lykins, Pendleton Heights, Scarritt Renaissance, and Sheffield."
 - d. At Section 3.3, revise to read, "Each individual elected as a Director shall serve for an initial term of three (3) years..."
 - e. At Section 3.3 revise to read, "Any Director may serve one (1) consecutive term for an additional term of three (3) years."
 - f. At Section 3.3 add, "Officers, except for President, will serve in that capacity for one (1) year."
 - g. At Section 3.3 add, "The President will serve in that capacity for two (2) years."
 - h. At Section 3.3 add, "After the President has served in the capacity of President s/he will have an additional ex officio term of one (1) year."
 - i. At Section 3.3 add, "The Chair Elect will serve in that capacity for two (2) years."
 - j. As shown on the attached document.



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- k. John later suggested that the Bylaws include a requirement that every Director make an annual gift to NEAT of a “meaningful amount”. Mary will pursue adding this to the Bylaws with legal council.
16. The Directors instructed Mary to edit the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws to reflect these changes as described above and attached and forward to NEAT’s legal counsel for final editing.
17. David reported on his investigation into Directors and Officers insurance. Insurance premiums are tied to agency budget. Since NEAT has no budget outside of MRC’s budget for NEAT, NEAT does not need to carry Directors and Officers insurance. This will change once NEAT raises its own money, and will be reinvestigated by the Board at that time.
18. At approximately 5:35PM, David left the meeting.
19. Julie raised the issue of the use of Roberts Rules of Order for the management of the Board meetings. It was decided that as the Board grows or the public is invited to meetings the Board can pass a resolution at the beginning of any meeting to adopt Roberts Rules of Order for that meeting.
20. It was decided that the Annual Meeting will be held in the month of May.
21. John motioned that NEAT Board of Directors meetings be held monthly on the first Monday of the month between the hours of 11:30AM and 1:00PM at 148 N. Topping Ave. Julie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mary will send out calendar invitations for the meetings.
22. John left the meeting at approximately 5:45 PM.
23. Julie and Allison decided to not discuss or vote on the Conflicts of Interest Policy at this meeting.
24. Although for the foreseeable future, NEAT will be a program of MRC, it was decided by Julie and Allison that an MOU between NEAT and MRC needs to be developed moving forward.
25. Mary presented the NEAT 2018 Budget. Julie moved to approve the budget and Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
26. Julie and Allison decided to not discuss or vote on the Operations Policies at this meeting.
27. Mary made the Directors Report.
28. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.