

## **Emerson East Neighborhood Association**

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

Timothy Cordon chaired this meeting.

Present: Indira Ceylan, Gene Cox, Amanda Duesterbeck, Diane Farsetta, Nancy Griswold, Becky Halpin-Beck, John Koch, Jessica LeClair, Derek McRoberts, Kayne Neigherbauer, Terri Pepper, Alder Larry Palm, Gail Piper, Erin Way

### **Parks Planning Process, Master Planning Process**

Janet Schmidt, Planning & Development Manager, Parks Division

Nancy Dungan, Grants Administrator, Community Development Block Grants

Karin Wolf, Arts Program Administrator, Neighborhood Planning, Urban Design & Historic Preservation

Parks brought a draft design for the refresh of Pennsylvania Park, which included a seating area, art installation, and rain garden. The property at First and Johnson where the house was demolished is managed by City Engineering. Karin made a value list for an art piece: flow whimsy, preserve privacy, vibrancy, welcoming, natural materials, sustainability. Arts Commission grant provides up to \$10,000 for community art. Funds from CDBG \$45,000. Separate from this project, Parks will clean up the fence line, refresh old plantings. Janet and Karin will put together a budget with options for the park and we will meet again to discuss.

**April Minutes:** Amanda motions to approve with correction, Jessica seconds. Motion passes.

**Alder's Report:** Bike path – permission to negotiate with the landowner (parking lot) was granted. Construction won't begin in 2017. This includes the section behind PDQ. Larry was appointed to MPO, which conflicts with this meeting time. Public Market – parking is a concern, city in negotiations with property owners. Market Ready Program accepting applications, funding available to local vendors, small businesses, and people who want to start small businesses related to the Public Market. Public Market Foundation has formed and has started raising money. Tax credits are available to businesses.

**Yard Sale:** Indira and Chris created fliers, posters, and signs for the day of.

**Announcements:** Rescue Mission at E. Dayton and North Street is closing. Taste of Timor is 5/20 at the Goodman Center.