

Minutes of the June 12th, 2024

Ventura Village Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Chair Marti Maltby

Present: Elizabeth Ihde, Ray Peterson, Steve Dreyer, Marti Maltby, Thor Adam, Patti Peterson, Kellen Gustafson, Nardal Stroud

Unexcused: Bashe Said, Rico Morales

Motion: (Ihde/R. Peterson) To approve the agenda for the June 12, 2024 meeting. Passed

Motion: (Dreyer/P. Peterson) To approve the minutes for the May 8, 2024 meeting. Passed

Motion: (R. Peterson/P. Peterson) Recommendation 2406-1: Ask that 1019 East 21st Street be declared a disorderly house under Minnesota State law due to drug dealing, off-leash pit bulls attacking people, property crimes committed by people dealing and buying drugs, and threats to neighbors and that Ventura Village contact the County and City attorneys about enforcing the law, ask the police to conduct an investigation and contact other politicians who can intervene to stop the criminal activity. Passed

Motion: (R. Peterson/P. Peterson) Recommendation 2406-2: Support Norway House in organizing a meeting of all stakeholders to develop a comprehensive program that pools resources to change the perception and behavior of people causing the problems around Chicago and Franklin Avenues. Passed

Motion: (Adam/Ihde) Recommendation 2406-3: Send a letter to Council Member Osman asking him to intervene in getting the benches removed from the Southwest corner of Peavey Park. *Amended to:* Send a letter to Council Member Osman asking him to intervene in getting the benches “the thrones” removed from the Northeast corner of Peavey Park. Passed

Motion: (R. Peterson/Adam) Recommendation 2406-4: Allocate \$500 *total* to support a socializing component for the following groups: Franklin Avenue clean-up club, graffiti removal club, 911/311 email tree, movie night club, and crime prevention club. Passed with amendment (*adding the word total after \$500*)

Motion: (Adam/Ihde) Recommendation 2406-5: Cancel the July 2024 committee meetings and the August 2024 board and membership meetings. Passed

Motion: (Dreyer/R. Peterson) Recommendation 2406-6: Hire a professional consultant to conduct board training at a maximum cost of \$3,000. Passed

Motion: (Ihde/R. Peterson) Recommendation 2406-7: Pay the monthly electric bill for up to 5 lights on Xcel Energy-owned poles as part of a trial program to improve lighting and safety.
AMENDED (P. Peterson/R. Peterson) TO: Pay the monthly electric bill for up to 5 lights on Xcel Energy-owned poles as part of a trial program for a year to improve lighting and safety. Passed as amended

Motion: (R. Peterson/Adam) Action: To support ICCM's request for a permit for their annual event taking place August 15th in ICCM's Life Center parking lot and August 16th in Peavey Park. Passed

Motion: (Adam/Dreyer) Receive and file the financial report. Passed

Adjourned due to time