

Minutes of the June 12th, 2024

Ventura Village General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair Marti Maltby

Those present at the meeting introduced themselves. Throughout the meeting 17 members attended. Lt. Carroll (MPD) gave the CCP/SAFE Crime & Safety Update. No one attended from the City Council office.

Motion: (R. Peterson/Ji. Graham) Approval of the June 12, 2024 proposed agenda. Passed (15 yes/0 no/0 abstain)

Motion: (Ji. Graham/Dreyer) Approval of the May 8, 2024 minutes. Passed (11 yes/0 no/4 abstain)

Motion: (R. Peterson/Stellmach) Recommendation 2406-1: Ask that 1019 East 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (17 yes/0 no/0 abstain)

Motion: (P. Peterson/Ji. Graham) 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 (17 yes/0 no/0 abstain)

Motion: (Adam/Stellmach) Recommendation 2406-3: (*Amended to*) Send a letter to Council Member Osman asking him to intervene in getting the benches "the thrones" and the trellis removed from the Northeast corner of Peavey Park. In addition, remove the bus shelters on the North and South sides of Franklin Avenue at 10th Avenue. Passed (17 yes/0 no/0 abstain)

Motion: (Ji. Graham/R. Peterson) 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 (11 yes/0 no/0 abstain)

Motion: (Adam/P. Peterson) Recommendation 2406-5: Cancel the July 2024 committee meetings and the August 2024 board and membership meetings. Passed (12 yes/0 no/4 abstain)

Motion: (Watson/Dreyer) Recommendation 2406-6: Hire a professional consultant to conduct board training at a maximum cost of \$3,000. AMENDED (Ji. Graham/Adam) TO: Hire a professional consultant to conduct board training at a maximum cost of \$3,000 and request that the trainer provide documented (written or digital) training materials for future use. Amendment passed (15 yes/0 no/0 abstain). Motion passed as amended (15 yes/0 no/0 abstain)

Motion: (Ji. Graham/Adam) Recommendation 2406-7: 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 (16 yes/0 no/0 abstain)

Motion: (Ji. Graham/R. Peterson) 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 (14 yes/0 no/2 abstain)

Motion: (Ji. Graham/Stroud) Adjourn at 8:03pm. Passed (14 yes/0 no/0 abstain)