

# Meeting Minutes 11/28/2016

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## Attendees

*Board members and staff present marked with "X"*

Sarah Sillers - Chair	X	Jeremy Schroeder- Vice Chair	X
Sean O'Brien - Treasurer	X	Patrick Strahan – Secretary	X
Courtney Laufenberg (Staff)	X	Jill Ridley	X
Charlie Ritt	X	Darren Nyquist	
Keith Dietzenbach	X	Jake Schwitzer	
Ryan Pulkrabek	X	Bunni Holiday	X

**Guests:** John Quincy

Meeting called to order: 6:35PM

Previous meeting minutes reviewed by board.

Motion made by Sarah Sillers and seconded by Jeremy Schroeder

Motion approved at 6:36PM

## Agenda Item 1: Metro Blooms Rain Gardens

Metro Blooms partners with neighborhood organizations to create rain gardens for residents, a program that the board has previously discussed. In order to partner with them in 2017 the neighborhood environmental committee needs to agree to participate by doing community outreach to find interested residents, as well as providing a portion of the funding for each rain garden. The cost to the board is \$500 per garden. The board unanimously approves the effort, and the environmental committee will be researching and applying for grants to potentially cover costs. Once a final number of gardens is determined and approved, Courtney will address budget.

## Agenda Item 2: Façade Grant Program

The board unanimously approved a motion to allow businesses to submit additional applications for additional improvements, even if they have already participated in the program.

## Agenda Item 3: Neighborhood Garden Lease

The neighbors engaged in planning for the garden on 51<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> have responded affirmatively to the boards prior email, detailing the responsibilities that the group would need to hold, if the board were to agree to insure the garden. Courtney will invite representatives of the group to the December board meeting to discuss a rough plan for moving forward.

## Agenda Item 4: Strategic Planning

The board held a strategic planning session. This session included discussion and breakouts to better clarify the goals, opportunities, threats and mission of the neighborhood association. Jeremy will be compiling notes from this session for

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distribution to the board members, and the 2017 goals will be reflective of this discussion. Board members also each took ownership of 1 new goal or idea that they would like to explore in the coming month.

## Committee Updates

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- **Neighborhood Safety and Engagement:** Resident at the last meeting wants the committee to explore a “Safety Tips” postcard to be mailed out to the neighborhood.
- **Picnic in the Park:** No Update
- **Environmental:** No Update
- **Frost Fest:** Planning is in progress.
- **Triangle Park:** No Update
- **Garage Sale:** No Update
- **Business Association:** No updates.
- **Communications:** First meeting with new members to be planned via email by Courtney before the next board meeting.

## New Business

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- **None**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm**

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