CANDO

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization

Minutes Board of Directors		*Date* 3715 Chicago Ave.
Roll Call	Board Present:	Tim Fries, Alex Griffin, Secretary, Alex Hage, Treasurer and Pro Tempore Chair, Samie Johnson
	Staff Present:	Antoine Martinneau, Eduardo Cardenas
	Guests Present:	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Start time:

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes August 2017

- Eduardo clarified the actions taken re: unresolved board votes and it was pointed out that the board abstained from voting to approve minutes at previous meetings when there was no quorum of Board Members.
- Antoine raises the question of whether the attendance roll was complete and stated that he believes that board member Martha Molina might have been present. Eduardo agrees to clarify that. Result: Martha was not present.

Board did not reach quorum; *vote abstained*

4. Public Comment

none

5. Staff Report

- Antoine reports that Natl. Night Out went well. He states that Eduardo has had his one year review and is up for a raise. He states that he has been working on reimbursement and payroll. He states that he hopes that the board is able to develop a plan to address participation due to the lack of quorum at recent meetings. He states that he suggests that the board take time to reflect on successes and challenges of 2017 to plan for a more realistic 2018. He recommends that the board register for the Neighborhoods Now! classes offered through CURA.

- Eduardo states that he has been working on the Green Central Fair. He states that there will be coffee meetups re: 38th and Chicago Public Safety. He states that the date of the first meeting will be either 9/25, 9/26, or 9/27. He states that the idea is that people will come together to facilitate discussion in lieu of a doorknocking campaign. He reports that there have been a few incidents, particularly on 4th and 37th. He states that he met with Sabathani gardeners and that went well, and they're preparing for immigration changes which will involve a legal aid workshop. Eduardo reports that he met with Emanual and Sarah Jane re: housing instability and both are interested in starting a taskforce. He states that there is the question of what CANDO's role will be in the Southside Investment Coop

6. New Business

1. Facade Grant Program Proposal (10 min)
   - Eduardo states that the eligibility requirements for the grant are basic and pertain to structural repairs and long term viability/future investment. He states that this eliminates a lot of things that would appeal to local business. He mentions that it allows for an awning but not with lettering and/or advertising. He states that the grant references a city displacement policy that he is unable to find. He states that CANDO may want to refine the criteria which we use to determine viable candidates. He presents our current application for board review. He clarified questions re: the resolutions presented to the board.
   - Alex H states that he is willing to help draft priorities on a new application for the grants.
   - Antoine states that if the resolutions are approved it would be a turnaround time of roughly two weeks before the program is able to accept applications.

Action Taken: Board did not reach quorum; *vote abstained*

2. Approve Funky Grits Letter of Support (5 min)
   - Staff reviewed letter of approval. Eduardo states that he was not sure of which grant Funky Grits was applying to specifically. He states that he also changed language re: the establishment catering to the African American community.

Action Taken: Board did not reach quorum; *vote abstained*

3. Approve Website Update Proposal (5 min)
   - Antoine explains that it would be fairly expensive to re-vamp the website that is currently in use by CANDO. He explains that the proposition is to switch to Squarespace from Wordpress and the annual fee would exceed the current cost to keep the domain. Board discussed the pros and cons of Wordpress vs. Squarespace as a platform and how it works.

Action Taken: Board did not reach quorum; *vote abstained*

4. Assign Roles for Central Fair (15 min)
   - Eduardo states that Samie and Alex G will be bringing food. He states that City of Skate is bringing ramps, Full Cycle will be bringing bike repair supplies, there will be food and music, and some kid's activities. He emphasizes the importance of reaching out to volunteers in the neighborhood to assess what people can help with. He states that CANDO has funds to offer stipends for workshops offered. Samie mentions that she knows of someone who can do portraits. Eduardo states that there is a large grill available but if not necessary it's a chore to bring to the park.
5. Annual Meeting Turnout Planning (15 min)

- Antoine states that 7 board seats are needed to be filled at the annual meeting. He states that eligible candidates must rent property or occupy owned property in the neighborhood or own a business or work for a business in the neighborhood and be 16 or older. He states that no more than two individuals may sit on the board from the same organization.
- Eduardo states that the community meeting in October will be an excellent information session for the commitment involved in participating on the board. He states that the annual meeting will be Saturday 10/21 10-2pm. He states that raffles have been offered in the past but he's not sure if that will be renewed in the plan this year.

7. Adjournment

7:56pm