The meeting room was overflowing with well over 100 people at Downtown Minneapolis Arts District. As community members listened to information and questions about a new development August 26, they would become part of community life, they essentially said we’re going to Minneapolis artists. They stated investors change their minds.

Rogue Buddha Gallery will host its first solo exhibition for art legend, visionary and guru Dougie Padilla. Open September 6 (reception 7-11 p.m.) through October 12, 2019, there will also be special events. Post, painter, spirit dancer, Padilla encapsulates all that it is to be an artist. At the heart of his work exists a soul that has traveled the world and lived many lives: from artist to businessman, to communal farmer, to humble meditative disciple in India. His paintings hint at his many and diverse travels, but not just those of the earthly plane. One look at his work and the viewer knows instantly that they are dealing with a subject matter which cannot be tethered to this world alone. Padilla presents visions of other worlds, dimensions and realities previously uncharted. He documents these travels with a stylized voice and authority all his own. Undaunted by a lack of academic art training, Padilla relies on intuition, gut instinct, meditative visions, somatic memory, and the spirit of the moment to guide and transform his work into something beyond anything he’s ever known, seen or imagined.

Those who have followed the history of NEMAA (Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association) and the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District might be pleased to know that the two organization’s leadership boards had a joint picnic in August at Logan Park. Many of board members have known each other for decades. For others this was the first time they had met each other. The groups learned about each other’s accomplishments to their name, and more than an illustrious art career or a cultural corridor, and development density in general. The two groups will help promote each other’s programming and work to streamline communication between the two organizations.