

**Date:** February 6, 2024

**Location:** Kenwood Community Center

**Time Meeting Called to Order After Quorum: 7:05PM by William Goodnow.**

**Board Members Present:** Will Goodnow (Acting President); Chas Scheiderer; Fran Davis; Will Stancil; Sarah Grundhoefer; Anne Nelson; John Lillehei, MD; Jackie Brown-Baylor; Jennifer Breitinger.

**Other Attendees:** Carla Godwin, Barb Davis, Cuyler Dinegan.

### **Minneapolis City Council Update**

Ward 7 Council Member Katie Cashman was not in attendance.

### **Minneapolis Police Department Update**

LT David Suzinski provided an update. LT Suzinski is acting inspector for the week while Inspector Nelson is out. Robberies are increasing. There was an aggravated robbery on the street in broad daylight in which a woman was thrown to the ground and robbed though the perpetrator was pursued and arrested. MPD is increasing patrols on weekends from noon-8pm. Most of the increase in crime is north of Lake Street. There is a homeless encampment at 21<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board member Anne Nelson was robbed at gunpoint on Sunday at 6:30pm while walking with a friend. The police responded and her purse, which was stole, was recovered.

### **Crime & Safety Update**

Treasurer Sue Westerman was not in attendance. The Crime & Safety Meeting on January 26 was a big success. Over 200 people attended and it was standing room only. A recap of the meeting was published in the Hill & Lake Press. The Chief of Police was unable to attend at the last minute but other representatives of MPD presented as well as Katie Cashman.

The most recent Safe Walk was well attended with a turnout of about 11 people. It was too cold to actually walk around so they met at Sebastian Joe's and about \$50 was spent on coffee. We discussed using a sandwich board outside of Sebastian Joe's to advertise the event in the future stating something to the effect of "Lowry Hill Neighborhood Walk Today, Join Us!" The next Safe Walk will be advertised in the HLP. Cuyler can create the sandwich board text and then someone else can go get it printed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Sue Westerman was not in attendance.

### **Events Update**

Events Chair Jackie Brown-Baylor provided an update. The skate party went well and

there was new coverage by WCCO! Collaboration with other neighborhoods was effective and resulted in low cost. Good turnout.

### **Communications Update**

Communications Chair Sarah Grundhoefer provided an update. Sarah introduced Cuyler, our new LHNA administrator that we hired, to the board. Cuyler signed a contract. Sarah is working on onboarding. Cuyler will perform administrative tasks related to events, advertising, communications, etc.

### **Zoning**

Zoning Chair Fran Davis provided an update. The Baylor family intends to present a proposal to the board at our March meeting. It will be a presentation only with no voting.

### **Governance**

LHNA President: Thomas is on leave as president and Will Goodnow agreed to be acting president. Chas Scheiderer motioned approval of Will Goodnow serving as acting president. Seconded by Anne Nelson. No discussion. Passed by unanimous vote.

Approval of the January 2024 Minutes: motioned by Fran Davis, seconded by Chas Scheiderer. Passed by unanimous vote.

Business District Improvement Grand & Façade Grant Update: Will Stancil provided an update. Contract is signed for the Façade Grant and we were granted \$23,000. It is a 2:1 matching grant for façade improvements. The Business District Grant Program decision will be made on Friday, we applied for \$25,000 and it is uncertain whether we will qualify. Proposal is to develop a plan to support businesses at the Hennepin/Franklyn intersection.

Annual Meeting Discussion: The plan is to hold the annual meeting on Tuesday June 4. There was discussion of venue and it was agreed that the Walker will be too expensive after Will contacted them and received an estimate in excess of \$5000. We agreed to hold the annual meeting at First Unitarian again this year. Will indicated he would follow-up with First Unitarian to reserve and book the venue.

### **PERIS Hill Update**

Carla Godwin provided an update. Carla covered the NRP proposal, see below. There was a police response in the building with a warrant served and the resident involved is cooperating with police. There was an article about PERIS in the paper.

Approval of PERIS Hill Proposal for use of NRP Funds: Carla Godwin of PERIS Hill presented a proposal for the use of NRP funds to make improvements to the PERIS Hill facility. The proposal is to use \$15,000 of funding to purchase and install 3 interior and 1 exterior camera on the building. The board reviewed the proposal and voted. Fran Davis

motioned approval which was seconded by John Lillehei. In discussion, Jennifer indicated she would follow up with Bob at the City. Passed by unanimous vote.

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**Definitions**

LHNA: Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

MPD: Minneapolis Police Department

HLP: Hill & Lake Press

NNF: Neighborhood Network Fund

EEF: Equitable Engagement Fund

NRP: Neighborhood Revitalization Program

As there was no further business,

**Meeting adjourned by William Goodnow at 8:50 PM by motion carried.**

The next LHNA Board Meeting will be held in-person at the Kenwood Community Center on March 5, 2024 at 7PM.

Minutes by William Goodnow  
Secretary, LHNA Board