

Date: May 7, 2024

Location: Kenwood Community Center

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

Board Members Present: Will Goodnow (Acting President); Sue Westerman (Treasurer); Jonathan Suk (Secretary); Chas Scheiderer; Will Stancil; Sarah Grundhoefer; David Bjork; John Lillehei, MD; Jennifer Breitinger; Anne Nelson

Other Attendees: Barb Davis, Greta Chizek, Holly Ebener, Henry LaBounta, Tracy Lindgren, Mikala, Carla Godwin

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

William Goodnow presented the meeting minutes from the April 2, 2024 meeting, which were previously distributed to the board members by email. After discussion, the meeting minutes were approved.

Minneapolis City Council Update

Ward 7 Council Member Katie Cashman was not in attendance.

Minneapolis Police Department Update

Inspector Christie Nelson was not in attendance.

Douglas North Street Resurfacing

Tracy Lindgren from the Minneapolis Public Works Department provided an overview of the upcoming Douglas North Street Resurfacing project, and answered questions from the board about the same.

PERIS Hill Update

Carla Godwin provided an update, highlighting that the NRP grant had been approved by the city and that PERIS Hill had begun work on both the security camera project and installation of a gate at the entrance of the building's bicycle storage, and responded to questions from the board about the same.

Storm Drain Clean-Up

Henry LaBounta from the East Isles neighborhood presented an overview of his "adopt a storm drain" program and his goal to increase the Lowry Hill neighborhood's engagement with this program. After discussion, it was agreed that Henry's "adopt a storm drain" program would be included in the upcoming LNHA annual meeting presentation materials in order to increase neighborhood awareness about this program.

League of Women Voters Candidate Forum

Sarah Grundhoefer provided an update on outreach she received about the upcoming League of Women Voters candidate forum, and the board discussed providing support for the candidate forum as an event.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Westerman provided a financial update and led the board in a discussion about the board's budget for the remainder of 2024, with the board agreeing to discuss in greater detail at the upcoming June 2024 board meeting.

Crime & Safety Update

Sue Westerman provided an overview of the April 2024 crime statistics that had been distributed to the board members by email in advance of the meeting. Sue also highlighted the upcoming Minneapolis Police Department 5th Precinct open house being held on May 13, 2024 from 4:00-6:00pm.

Hennepin/Lyndale Median Landscaping

Sue Westerman provided an overview of the Hennepin/Lyndale median landscaping project, which had been summarized in an email Fran Davis sent the board in advance of the meeting. After discussion, the board approved a \$1,000 donation for this season's project.

Events Update

Sue Westerman and Sarah Grundhoefer provided an update on upcoming safety walks and Anne Nelson provided an update on this summer's ice cream social (Jackie Brown-Baylor also sent an email to the board in advance of the meeting with updates about the ice cream social) and fishing event. The board also discussed ways to prioritize event planning at future meetings.

Communications Update

Sarah Grundhoefer provided an update on communications, including a discussion about the annual meeting mailer.

Zoning

Fran Davis was not in attendance, but Fran provided a zoning update by email in advance of the meeting, which included an update on the Baylor family project city permitting process, noting that the project will once again be raised for the board's attention once the city has made its recommendations.

Grant Programs

Will Stencil provided an update on discussions with local business owners about the façade improvement grants and raised the possibility of the LHNA providing matching grants to further incentive participation in the program, and answered questions by the board about the same.

Annual Meeting

William Goodnow provided an update on planning for the Tuesday, June 4 annual meeting to be held at First Unitarian, and responded to questions by the board about the same.

Governance

Fran Davis was not in attendance, but Fran provided a governance update by email in advance of the meeting, which included an update on the LHNA board new member application process. The board then discussed the steps to be taken by the Nominating Committee in advance of the upcoming annual meeting, so that a slate of recommended new board members could be presented for approval at the annual meeting.

As there was no further business,

Meeting adjourned by William Goodnow at 9:00PM by motion carried.

Definitions

LHNA: Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

NRP: Neighborhood Revitalization Program

The next LHNA Board Meeting will be held in-person at the Kenwood Community Center on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7PM.

Minutes by Jonathan Suk
Secretary, LHNA Board