

**Date:** November 12, 2024

**Location:** Kenwood Community Center

**Time Meeting Called to Order After Quorum: 7:05PM by Anne Nelson**

**Board Members Present:** Anne Nelson (President), Sarah Grundhoefer (Vice President), Greta Chizek, Holly Ebener, Ned Hancock, Jackie Brown-Baylor, Matt Ludt, Sheldon Sturgis and Bob Kaufman

**Other Attendees:** Inspector Christie Nelson

### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Anne Nelson presented the draft meeting minutes from the October 1, 2024 LHNA board meeting, which had been distributed to the board by email. After discussion, the draft meeting minutes were approved.

### **Minneapolis Police Department Update**

Inspector Nelson provided an update on recent crime trends in the neighborhood and responded to questions from the board about the same.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sue Westerman provided her report by email in advance of the meeting.

### **Events**

Jackie Brown-Baylor led the board in a discussion about the recent Searle Mansion happy hour (which was attended by 120+ neighbors), including interest in similar future events (possible at the Scottish Rite Temple) and opportunities to improve fundraising at neighborhood events (including hosting ticketed events or focused fundraising efforts on specific projects with clear expenses). Jackie then provided an overview of upcoming events and activities, including the January 23, 2025 safety meeting at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, a planned winter social with East Isles and Kenwood (with \$250 of pre-approved contributions planned from the LHNA), the Uptown Winter Wonderland Holiday Market taking place on November 23, 2024, Thanksgiving pie donations for local firefighters and the outdoor classroom fundraising effort for Kenwood School (the board expressed support for contributing to the outdoor classroom project, with the exact amount still to be determined).

### **Communications**

Holly Ebener and Greta Chizek provided a Communications Committee update, which included a discussion about the work being performed by Cuyler and the need to renew his contract, as well as other communications topics ranging from the LHNA email inbox and a possible website redesign, and responded to questions from the board about the

same. After discussion, the board approved the renewal of Cuyler’s contract at a rate of \$41.60/hour for up to 25 hours per month.

**Governance**

Matt Ludt and Sheldon Sturgis provided a Governance Committee update, which included confirmation that the LHNA was approved for the NCR city funding contract extension. Anne Nelson also confirmed that she will approve the Minnesota Corporate Registration Renewal on the Secretary of State’s website.

**Green Team**

Greta Chizek and Holly Ebener provided a Green Team update, which included a discussion about a planned meeting with Elizabeth Shaffer from the MPRB to explore potential partnerships and opportunities for neighbors to take action individually, interest from the Cedar Lake Park Association in partnering on cleanup efforts and other outreach opportunities related to green initiatives (including promoting the Ridwell recycling program and connecting with the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park) , and responded to questions from the board about the same.

As there was no further business,

**Meeting adjourned by Anne Nelson at 8:25PM by motion carried.**

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**Definitions**

LHNA: Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

MPRB: Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board

NCR: Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations

The next LHNA Board Meeting will be held in-person at the Kenwood Community Center on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7PM.

Minutes by Jonathan Suk  
Secretary, LHNA Board