

Date: October 1, 2024

Location: Kenwood Community Center

Time Meeting Called to Order After Quorum: 7:00PM by Anne Nelson

Board Members Present: Anne Nelson (President), Sarah Grundhoefer (Vice President), Sue Westerman (Treasurer), Jonathan Suk (Secretary), Holly Ebener, Will Stancil, Ned Hancock and Henry Hallaway

Other Attendees: Victoria Balko (NCR), Joe Wenker and Ed Kodet

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Anne Nelson presented the draft meeting minutes from the September 3, 2024 LHNA board meeting, which had been distributed to the board by email. After discussion, the draft meeting minutes were approved.

NCR Survey

Victoria Balko from the NCR distributed the 2024 Board Representation Survey that the NCR asks each board member to complete. Victoria also requested that the survey be emailed to the board members who were not present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Westerman led the board in a discussion about the 2025 budget and ways to improve fundraising efforts, and responded to questions from the board about the same.

Adjacent Neighborhood Association Coordination

Anne Nelson led the board in a discussion about her most recent meeting with the other presidents of the eight adjacent neighborhood associations, including plans to hold a joint fundraiser, efforts to revive the Uptown farmers' market in 2025 and options for voicing support for maintaining the current style of streetlights, and responded to questions from the board about the same. After discussion, the board approved further participation by the LHNA in both the joint fundraiser and Uptown farmers' market project, including approval of \$500 to be spent in connection with the farmers' market project.

Crime & Safety Update

Sue Westerman provided an update on Zoom calls she held with neighborhood residents on September 30 and October 1 to discuss crime and safety matters, including a proposal from Bob Kauffman to schedule additional neighborhood safety walks, and responded to questions from the board about the same.

Events

Henry Hallaway provided an update on the Events Committee, including details about the LHNA sponsored happy hour at the Searle Mansion, which is being held on October 17 at 5:30pm, and responded to questions from the board about the same.

Communications

Holly Ebener provided an update on the Communications Committee, including a report on a recent meeting that Holly, Greta Chizek, Sarah Grundhoefer and Cuyler Dinegan held to coordinate and transition communications workstreams, and responded to questions from the board about the same.

Neighborhood Priorities

Will Stancil provided an update on the Neighborhood Priorities Committee, including a discussion about the ongoing façade improvement grant project and the possibility of reapplying for a business district improvement grant, and responded to questions from the board about the same.

Green Team

Greta Chizek, who was not able to attend the meeting, provided an update on the Green Team by email, which Jonathan Suk read to the board. Greta's update included the following: (i) a scheduled meeting with Commission Elizabeth Shaffer from the MPRB in mid-October, (ii) planned outreach to the President of the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park (Suzanne Payne) to see if there is anything the LHNA can do to support her organization's efforts to maintain the park, (iii) potential advocacy by the neighborhood on behalf of Spring Lake and (iv) a request for any additional feedback from the board for Commission Shaffer.

As there was no further business,

Meeting adjourned by Anne Nelson at 7:54PM by motion carried.

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, November 12, 2024 at 7PM.

Minutes by Jonathan Suk
Secretary, LHNA Board