

Date: February 4, 2025

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), Jackie Brown-Baylor, Greta Chizek, Holly Ebener, Ned Hancock, Elyse Colpitts, and Will Stancil

Other Attendees: Justin Baylor, Nardos and Anna from AWH Architects, Paula Chesley, and Kaley Brown from Council Member Cashman's office

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Anne Nelson presented the draft meeting minutes from the January 7, 2025 LHNA board meeting, which had been distributed to the board by email. After discussion, the draft meeting minutes were approved.

Election of New Board Members

The board received 2 applications for its 2 open board seats from Elyse Colpitts and Tom Madden. A motion to elect Elyse and Tom passed.

Zoning Project Presentation

Justin Baylor and Anna and Nardos from AWH architects presented an updated project proposal for Kenwood Boutique Condominiums at 1302 Douglas Ave & 1716 Fremont Ave S. The project is seeking 2 variance requests from the city. Justin Baylor requested that LHNA write a letter to the city supporting the project. After discussion, a motion to approve sending a letter passed (Jackie Brown-Baylor abstained).

Incident on Colfax & Franklin

Carla Godwin was unable to attend, but offered to speak with folks who have concerns about crime on Colfax and Franklin.

Events

The January winter party at Lake of the Isles was a huge success with around 300 people in attendance. The event cost LHNA \$190. The January neighborhood safety meeting was well-attended as well. There was discussion about hoping to keep the LOTI ice rink open. There was discussion about how to increase fundraising at events. Jackie presented a new collaborative spring swap event idea.

Neighborhood Light Fixtures

Discussion about the city replacing light fixtures in our neighborhood.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 20 at First Unitarian. Discussion of what is needed for food and supplies, fundraising, and neighborhood priorities. Discussion of speakers, Mayor Frey,

Katie Jones, Katie Cashman, Scott Dibble, Hennepin Ave Reconstruction, Detective Nelson. Sarah will work on slides and mailer.

Neighborhood Priorities

Discussion of still doing an online neighborhood priorities survey.

Green Team

Greta will check with Elizabeth Shaffer around the potential closing of LOTI skating rink. The Green Team will lead an April walk as a neighborhood cleanup day. Discussion about asking Henry LaBounta to come speak about drain cleanup. Walks could incorporate cleaning up drains.

Kenwood School

LHNA confirmed it can contribute to the outdoor classroom project at Kenwood Elementary from NRP funds. A motion to contribute \$15,000 from NPR funds passed.

Farmer’s Market

A motion to contribute \$500 to the Uptown Farmers Market passed.

Update to spring meeting dates

- March 4 – 7:00pm The Lowry
- April 1 – 6:30-8:00 Kenwood Rec
- May 6 – 6:30-8:00 Kenwood Rec
- May 20 – Annual Meeting at First Unitarian
- June 3 – TBD. Possibly at Searle Mansion

As there was no further business,

Meeting adjourned by Anne Nelson at 8:52PM by motion carried.

Definitions

LHNA: Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association
LOTI: Lake of the Isles

Minutes by Sarah Grundhoefer
Vice President, LHNA Board