

**Lyndale Neighborhood Association**  
**Housing, Planning and Development Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday December 07, 2022  
6:30PM Painter Park

Attendees:

<b>Michael Nelson (Chair)</b>	
<b>Sarah Linnes-Robinson (Dir)</b>	
<b>Ed Janezich</b>	
<b>Anna Newcombe</b>	
<b>John Lewis</b>	
<b>Steve Horsfield (Simpson Housing)</b>	

Agenda

- A. Introductions
- B. Discussion Topics
  - 4d Housing Information
  - Simpson Housing Update:
    - Timeline for opening shelter services
    - Date of open house
    - Process for notification/questions for/from neighbors
    - Camper at Rain Garden 32<sup>nd</sup> & Blaisdell
      - Suggestions on how to help
  - Overview of LNA Properties:
    - Why looking at them now
    - Steps for each site
    - AIA Search for Shelter Program
  - Next Meeting

Minutes:

Simpson Housing – Zion Progress

- construction taking longer –
- working to be done by Jan 10
- open house date to be confirmed
- For neighbors to contact Simpson with concerns, there is the Q&A doc on their website,

- Steve's phone number is also available.
- the operational aspects of the new center will be communicated at the open house –
  - o open house will be noted within 2 weeks
- hoping to see a lot of NH volunteers take part in the shelter:
  - o Erin - the meal group is someone who could help establish volunteer activities
  - o Sarah will reach out to Steve to see if there are other volunteer activities

Regarding how to address the homeless person living in the Rain Garden at 31<sup>st</sup> and Blaisdell

- greet them –
- ask what their plans are, maybe noting that its hard to live where they do –
- Agate - is St Stevens & House of Charity –
- We would want to hear that they have someone working for them on their behalf to find shelter. Some have housing/shelter and are choosing not to use it.
- Note that any eviction will be planned
- need to be straight with them

If we ask them to leave –

- can call the Henn Co team to do a check in with them
- maybe they can help move them along if they don't leave.
- County is the better option or call Agate for a referral

5th Precinct is coordinating homeless activities across the city:

- Police would hopefully be the last resort after the other opportunities are expired.
- have had some success with them, but it's hard to know 100% how things will go

They may not always be 'homeless' but just maybe they can't stay where they 'live'. Usually breaks down by thirds – 1/3 truly not sheltered, 1/3 have shelter but are not able to stay there, 1/3 have shelter but are choosing to live outside.

Neighborhood Properties:

- Group reviewed the 7 properties and associated costs and incomes on each site.
- The garden sites generate roughly just over \$1,000 from rents
  - o For example, Pleasant generated \$1,150 in 2022, costs were \$1,475
- Group to see if the surveys sent out to the neighborhood in 2019 which were intended to gauge attitudes toward the future of the sites.
- Some of the sites have poor soils which resulted in the homes being demolished as they aged quickly
- It was agreed that the board needs to be involved somehow in managing the gardens
  - o Maybe the gardens are self-managed with a report out to the board or subcommittee
- It was also agreed that the sites need to be sustainable, meaning costs are covered by the rents
- Its possible some of the gardens could become more program based
  - o Maybe find a group to run the gardens for a funded purpose
    - Might be best for the Pillsbury & 3034 Pleasant gardens
- Subcommittee to reach out to developers who have worked in the neighborhood recently for ideas as to how to use
  - o Michael Pink & Jim Kumon
- Agreed that the neighborhood needs to determine how to invest in the properties or not.

**Next Meeting February 1 at Painter Park at 6:30 PM.**