

**Lyndale Neighborhood Association**  
**Housing, Planning and Development Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday March 01, 2023  
6:30 PM Painter Park

Attendees:

<b>Michael Nelson (Chair)</b>	
<b>Sarah Linnes-Robinson (Dir)</b>	
<b>Ed Janezich</b>	
<b>Steve Horsfield</b>	
<b>Adam Wysopal</b>	
<b>Cyle King</b>	
<b>George Rishmawi</b>	

Agenda

- A. Introductions
- B. Discussion Topics
  - Simpson Housing Update:
    - Status of Occupancy
  - Overview of LNA Properties:
    - Review AIA Search for Shelter Program Information
  - Next Meeting

Next Meeting April 5 at Painter Park at 6:30 PM.

Simpson Housing Update:

Shelter ops are generally going well, guests are doing well. Simpson has opened up the volunteer roles which are on the website for those who are interested.

- Options available are meal preps, basic ops assistance, and volunteer assistants in the kitchen for help with meal prep

Still working with staff and guests to be good neighbors, no complaints recently -

Snow removal has been going well - the earlier snow in the year was an issue, but they have improved. Simpson is trying to get some funding from the state for construction before they can start. In regards to the Casablanca Site which was closed today, those folks moved down to the Burger King site. It was noted there are beds available for people to stay in. The 300 or so folks who are not using some of them are making a conscious choice for various reasons not to take those beds. LNA and Simpson to connect about the on-site compost bins - to see if they are still open to the neighborhood or not. LNA wants to transition them back to the city to manage.

Adam noting that the encampment has moved down to Burger King. Steven noted that there is a referral form with the county to help get this started. Ed suggested that the city/police might be called to assist the removal of the people from the site.

Below is the link for the Streets to Housing program, including the email address, where community members can make a request that case managers pay a visit to an encampment. Information is also listed for where anyone who needs to connect with housing resources can make this connection.

<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/human-services/unsheltered-homelessness>

#### LNA Property Overview: Search for Shelter

The representatives from the Search for Shelter team reviewed the boards with the group. The boards are available on the Search for Shelter website.

<https://aia-mn.awardsplatform.com/gallery/lwQXogKY>

The work shown represents ideas of what could happen on the parcels. Many of them have development restrictions for at least the next 8 or so years. There is helpful zoning information regarding site capacities and some creative options for the sites.

The housing committee will continue to review the boards and ideas over the next few months to determine next steps.