

**Lyndale Neighborhood Association**

**Regular meeting of LNA Board**

Monday, September 11, 2023

6:30 –8:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Chaz Larson, Secretary

X	Josef Oreskovich, President	X	Holly Reckel, Vice President
X	Michael Nelson, Treasurer	X	Chaz Larson, Secretary
X	Mohammed Hirsi	X	Danda Khalif
X	Doug Herkenhoff	X	Pavlina Tesch
X	Mary Trondson		Jonathan Beckel [excused]
X	Stephen McHenry	X	Sami Smetana, Exec. Director

6:35 - Review previous months meeting minutes and approving the consent agenda

Michael moves to approve agenda

Holly seconds

Passes with unanimous vote

6:37 - Welcome and introductions

6:39 - Reviewing of rules

- Quick reminder- Being in a smaller room with minimal ventilation let us all be mindful that fragrances can cause an environment that is not conducive for everyone being able to participate at their full potential. If we could please keep added aromas at a minimum that would be greatly appreciated by all.
- Board expectations of showing up to board meetings and engaging with committees
- Role of the Board & flow of committee work to the board

6:43 - Announcements (Sami) - Board orientation and LNA staff updates

Details in attachment; see following pages

Extra information:

Associated Bank sponsoring fall fundraiser @\$500

Bremer matching grant to be funded via fundraising; fill in with tenant rent/community garden monies if need be.

New digital lit classes at Hosmer library; approvals pending since library is outside Lyndale neighborhood.

Upstairs renters leaving at the end of the month; Sami working with Sarah on “what is involved with LNA becoming a ‘good landlord’”.

Need to evaluate rent as well; LNA has been an advocate for affordable housing, so consideration required.

There's a tax issue related to margin on rent due WRT loans held to be examined.

7:14 - Committee Updates

- Housing: Rain Garden, disbursement of unhoused individuals  
Folks moving in tonight [9-11]  
Corner gardens costing \$2500/year in taxes; no longer under development covenant.  
Discussions will start WRT what to do about plotted gardens.  
Ongoing issue will be people camping.
- Events: Fall Fundraiser (Sami)  
See attachment
- Crime & Safety:  
No meeting, no report
- Environment: Rain Garden clean up (Holly)  
No meeting, no report  
Next meeting in November

7:28 - Budget -(Michael)

- Various revenue stream allocation  
Still drawing on NRP and money market
- Discussion with Bob Cooper at City of Minneapolis  
Michael reviews numbers that can be found in online spreadsheet

7:38 - Review strategic plan - (Holly & Sami)

- Evaluate 1 year indicators
- Measurable progress and action steps
- When does our year start?

8:00 - Adjourn

Holly moves

Michael seconds

Unanimous vote

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LNA ED Announcements & Updates:

1. Board Orientation Follow Up
  - a. Conflict of Interest Forms needed from (Danda, Holly, Doug, Michael, Pavlina)
  - a. Fill Out Board Identities Survey to help with grant writing
2. Staffing
  - a. Two staff members are on medical leave (Eva and Grayson), both returning in late September/early October
  - a. Community Organizer rescinded
  - a. Sam and Kara are both into second month with LNA. Fitting in well and doing great work.
  - a. Sarah is an amazing asset to LNA and working on several projects.
2. South Nicollet News is out
  - a. Second run of the bi-lingual paper newsletter for 3 neighborhoods: Lyndale, Kingfield, Tangletown
2. LNA is beginning a partnership with Associated Bank to bring free English/Spanish financial education classes to the community
  - a. Classes held quarterly at SNAC office
  - a. First class is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 pm around budgeting and understanding credit
2. LNA funds received
  - a. Matching grant from Otto Bremer Trust, \$25,000
  - a. Finalizing a contract amendment with Hennepin County for Digital Navigation: \$150,000
  - a. Will receive an additional \$50,000 for the Lyndale Education Program in 2023
    - . Funded as part of the Metro East Consortium of schools which received state and federal dollars based on student contact hours
2. Lyndale Education Program Expansions
  - a. 3 expansions planned including:
    - . Digital Lit additional classes at new site to pilot ELDES curriculum
    - . 3 or 4 new ESL classes planned at Sagrado Corazon Church
    - . Adding a Driver's License Education Transitions class series
2. Developing MOU with FRAYEO for Somali interpretation/translation and outreach in exchange for additional SNAC conference room reservation

#### Fall Fundraiser Updates:

- Tickets are live, not many sold. If attending please purchase a ticket.
- Show interest or attending status on FB if a user, share and invite neighbors.
- Using Matching Grant from Otto Bremer.
- Mayor is attending and all Ward 8 candidates are invited.
- Running into difficulty on liquor permitting, but committee is working on this and we will either get the permit or make specialty mocktails for the event.

#### Volunteer Needs:

Office Exterior Prep & Decorating	Environment Committee- date TBD
Flyering (see Lyndale neighborhood map)	
Donate decorations	
Donate wine for a wine pull game	
Day of Prep (October 5 <sup>th</sup> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set up from 9-12</li><li>• Set up from 12-4</li><li>• Set up from 4-6</li></ul>	
Event Stations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check In Table</li><li>• Jenga</li><li>• Thirst Quencher Throwdown</li><li>• Silent Auction</li><li>• Food and drinks</li><li>• Great Gatherings Sign Up</li><li>• Gathering game &amp; auction info to prep for check out</li><li>• Music &amp; Presentation (Doug)</li><li>• Check Out Table</li><li>• Bonfires and S'mores</li><li>• Clean up</li></ul>	