

Lyndale Neighborhood Association

Regular meeting of LNA Board

Monday, November 13, 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		Danda Khalif [unexcused]
X	Doug Herkenhoff	X	Pavlina Tesch
X	Mary Trondson	X	Jonathan Beckel
X	Stephen McHenry	X	Sami Smetana, Exec. Director

6:31 - Meeting call to order- Passing of 11/13 agenda and 10/09 minutes

Holly moves

Michael second

Unanimous

Michael

Mary

Unanimous

6:55 - Draft Budget Presentation – Sami

Retainer money of \$10K went to printer [Do Good]; removed from budget since it's not flowing through LNA next year.

Discussion of line items in budget; Mary suggests changing 5-51010 to "Advertising"

Michael suggests exterior maintenance be fundraised or maybe deferred.

Sami suggests drawing on NRP funds to show the city we are using it; budget assumes pulling \$22K admin dollars [\$265K].

Holly suggests resident loans as a use for the \$117K we have in NRP housing dollars; topic for housing committee.

Mary moves to approve budget as presented

Jonathan second

Doug: asks Sami's opinion on org status; she feels good about it.

Doug: do we have funds for events? A. There is money in various categories.

Doug: Do we need to increase promotional budgeting; stickers, banners, etc.

Mary: Staff development? A. There is professional development \$\$ included.

Doug: Move to amend budget to include \$2K for Lyndale-branded promotional material

McHenry 2nd

Unanimous

McHenry Move to amend 2024 budget

Doug second

Unanimous

7:15 - Neighborhood Housing Initiative info with Q & A - Sarah

Doug moves to commit \$25K of uncontracted NRP housing dollars to the PPL Multi-Neighborhood Affordable Housing Collective for the 110-unit housing + 5 business cooperative at 3030 Nicollet.

Michael seconds

Pavlina asks if there are any caveats

Mary is concerned about government interference

Jonathon is rubbed the wrong way that neighborhoods are being asked to fill gaps that deeper pockets should be able to address.

Unanimous vote

Doug moves to amend motion to state neighborhood association will take appropriate action to make this financial commitment happen and add conditions that require a \$100K minimum raised by June 1, 2024, ground broken by EOY 2024, and the project to be completed by a date to be agreed upon by all parties.

Michael seconds

Unanimous

7:47 - [Minneapolis Teachers Union Letter](#)

- Executive Board recommends abstaining from taking a position due to continuous changing and lack of consistent information provided by the union.

Steve moves to abstain from taking a position

Micheal seconds

Unanimous

7:50 - Committee Reports-

Events Committee – Pavlina

Pavlina:

Committee is going to change name to “Engagement Committee”

Committee asks other committees to keep engagement committee informed of events

One joint calendar

Holly moves that the Events committee be modified to an “Engagement Committee” that will define its purpose at its next meeting.

Doug seconds

Unanimous

Pavlina asks for someone to lead this new committee.

Monthly general membership meetings are often board + a couple others

Proposal to move to quarterly gen mem meetings; tabled until January

Environmental Committee – Holly

Last meeting committee started working on work plan

Finalize in December [gardens, fundraising, more stuff beyond gardening]

Housing – Michael

No update

Crime & Safety – Mary

October meeting at Painter Park; meeting was there because neighbors had complained to the park board about activity at the park and none of them showed.

Halloween walk – ten people

Thanksgiving walk yesterday; not very many cards. This was a disappointment to Mary from previous years; particularly that the board members didn't write any cards. There is a suggestion to write cards at a board meeting in October.

Next meeting Nov 21st at the precinct

8:08 - ED 90 day review and raise

- Executive Committee recommends a dollar raise retroactive to the initial stated 90 day review timeline.

Executive committee working to establish rubrics/metrics.

8:10 - ED Announcements- Sami

Announcements in packet

Give To The Max day coming up.

Heartfelt fundraiser at Char Bar 11/27

Baseball mural to be moved to PPL project; building owner doesn't like it, Sami seeking dollars for a new mural

Holly brings up Donda attendance; Josef to reach out to him

Pavlina suggests a social holiday gathering; Holly perhaps to host

8:18 – Adjourned by president