

**Lyndale Neighborhood Association
Environment Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2024**



In Attendance:

Holly Reckel	Andrea Holz	Denise Herkenhoff
Lisa Lewis	Anna Newcombe	Josef Oreskovich

Main agenda item - Updating 2024 Work Plan (pdf attached) - highlighted yellow items need to be addressed.

Re Garden Tour for Pollinator Project with Lyndale/Kingfield/Tangletown - Need to coordinate with the group. Perhaps try for fall or next year depending on how gardens have survived drought/winter. Discussed developing a passport/bingo card type tour - since so much territory to cover perhaps make maps/passports that people can collect 'points' for all the gardens they visit - maybe try to schedule a bike tour?

Re Lyndale Community Plant Sale - Proposed location is Painter Park but waiting to get approval (June 1, 2024 - times depend on park hours) Plan to ask community to plant extra seeds (focus on vegetables/pollinators) in little pots to sell and split perennials. Discussed concerns about the need to take precautions to avoid spreading jumping worms. Share [info about how to avoid spread](#). Here is a doc specifically for [Plant Sale info](#). (Include info/short article in Spring Enews).

Litter Outta Lyndale Events - Holly will order supplies from [City of Minneapolis](#). Also promote/increase participation [City Litter Programs](#) - Adopt-a-Drain, Median, drain stenciling. Need leader.

Re Fall (October) Home Energy efficiency/audit workshop/education at Oct Gen mem? See if can get rep from [CEE](#) to present, provide info about [Home Energy Squad](#). Need leader.

Approved Proposal for the LNA Housing Committee/Board regarding potential future of LNA properties - the Pocket Park/Corner Community Garden at 31st & Pleasant, and the Blaisdell Rain Garden at 32nd & Blaisdell:

The LNA Environment Committee supports developing a team and process to review options, gather community input, and investigate potential future development or continued ownership/use of these properties. The team will review/report all the expenses related to these properties including taxes, insurance, maintenance & repair, water bills, trash & snow removal, and staff costs. The review will also include a study of the plots, fees, and expenses at all LNA gardens, and determine if the Pillsbury and Pleasant community gardens can support more plots for 31st & Pleasant gardeners.