

2024 8.August Engagement Committee Minutes

August 8, 2024

Present: Sami, Kara, Doug, Chaz, Jonathan, Amanda

Topics:

-Green Partners Grant and community gatherings next year

- Committee was provided the grant and budget
- Discussed how the grant could be used to support current waste prevention programs such as Free Fest, Book Fest, Wheels and Bike Rodeo, etc.
- The committee supported the grant
- Next steps: share with board for approval

-[Annual meeting feedback](#)

- Committee discussed the Annual Gathering and provided feedback in this form
- Consider switching the location of Book Fest and the Annual Gathering next year to move the board elections around the neighborhood

-Nicollet Open Streets updates and volunteer plan

- NOS plan is to have volunteer crossing guards at open streets for up to 2 hours (around 80 total volunteers).
- LNA committees would be responsible for staffing LNA specific tables including:
 - Crime and Safety in front of 5th Precinct (LNA materials and Run for Beer booth- if they agree)
 - Engagement and Housing in front of SNAC office (LNA materials and Run for Beer booth)
 - Environment at MLK Park to educate and monitor composting (if they agree)

-Back 2 School Jam and Open Streets Lyndale/Uptown update

- [Sign up Genius](#) shared with board, plan for the day ironed out

-Halloween Harvest Bash plans and how to do the volunteer spotlight

- Would like to include some kind of activity like “Halloween Rubber Ducks” or maybe a Halloween Easter Egg Hunt
- Volunteer Spotlight and Acknowledgement
 - Make it a community wide spotlight, not just LNA volunteers
 - No categories, just allow neighbors to submit nominations for other neighbors
 - Everyone will be acknowledged and provided a certificate of appreciation at the event

-Calendar events for next year and postcard planning

- Shared the Kara is expecting, yay, with leave starting around the new year
- This will impact the annual postcard, options include:
 - Trying to get events together early so postcard can be sent before Free Fest (option the group preferred, but acknowledged this will be difficult)
 - Waiting to send a postcard before Book Fest and hiring out the work to a designer (or possibly asking Christina McHenry)

-Cookie Exchange, anything to start planning for there

- Nothing to start yet, the plan is to continue this event like last year with the same number of cookies asked by neighbors to bring.
- We will serve cocoa