



Lyndale Neighborhood Association
Environment Committee
Thursday October 3, 2024 at SNAC Office
6:30 –7:30 PM
Minutes prepared by Lisa Lewis

X	Lisa	X	Maleni (Staff)
X	Holly	X	Annie Hall (guest gardener)
X	Denise		
X	Anna	X	

6:30 - Feedback on Litter Outta Lyndale

- concentrated on Nicollet Ave
- Decent turnout - 15 people with some new faces
- continued problem with trash from U-Haul building
- Lots of supplies ordered, probably won't need any soon

6:40 – Feedback on Nicollet Open Streets

- Impression is that Lyndale carried the load on volunteers. Where were Kingfield volunteers? Consider smaller span of event if Kingfield not interested in participating.
- Minneapolis should provide trash bins - not rely on neighbors to provide

6:50 – Barriers to reuse/repair

- Discussion moved to November, since notice of discussion not published in Lyndale E-News.

7:00 – Testing of Garden Plots for contaminants

- discussion of cost/benefit of testing and costs of mitigation. We already add clean soil to plots, which is one recommended mitigation strategy. Will provide information to gardeners in case they want to test their plots for contaminants, or to obtain nutrient information.

7:10 – Expansion of Pillsbury garden

- discussed closure of Corner Garden and movement of gardeners to Pillsbury.
- Grant to create additional beds

7:20 – General community garden concerns

- Discussed failure of gardeners to comply with volunteer requirements. Recommended requiring gardeners to assist in creation of new garden plots at Pillsbury garden.
- Discussed concerns about water bills - particularly given the amount of rain this year, water bills are excessive. Water at Corner Garden will be shut off and not re-started next year.
- Compost issues - people aren't following directions and are using the compost bins for general garden debris rather than compost. Consider removing bins, since they are a pain to clean out.

7:40 – Meeting adjourned.

*Submit minutes to director@lyndale.org and communications@lyndale.org within two weeks of the meeting.