

**Lyndale Neighborhood Association
Environment Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2024**



In Attendance:

Holly Reckel	Andrea Holz	Josef Oreskovich
Lisa Lewis	Denise Herkenhoff	

- **6:00 PM - Maintenance of LNA Patio Garden**

- **6:30 PM - Review of Community Gardens** - Holly reported on water bill expenses so far this year. Considering our extremely wet growing season water bills should be very low, but still the Corner Garden bill is alarmingly high. Maleni has been communicating with gardeners about better watering practices, but still a lot of waste is happening - we need to continue to work on this.
 - LNA received a micro-grant for \$14,000 for Pillsbury Garden - Used primarily for staff time and supplies to develop this garden with more plots for the donation gardens and to provide more plots for gardeners from the Corner Garden in case that lot is sold/developed in the future. Pillsbury Garden Work Day/meeting Wednesday Aug 7th 6-8pm - we will review proposed garden development designs.
 - Holly will continue to monitor expenses/issues and report back at the next meeting.
 - **Blaisdell Rain Garden - Proposed Work Day Sunday September 8th 10-11 AM** - to clear out vegetation that obscures views from street to increase security/safely. Holly will check on getting another half dead tree removed (Brian Volz maybe). Holly will ensure info is shared to Board and LNA volunteer opportunities in Enews etc.

- **Lyndale Garden Tour 2024 Review** -
 - Income - \$546 Cash from tickets/raffle sales, \$900 Evenbrite advance ticket sales, \$65 Square Tickets/Raffle sale at event = \$1511 total revenue, minus \$100 food = **\$1411 net profit.** (Plus Mary Tronsdon has some raffle \$\$ to turn in yet)
 - With Plant Sales \$1353 - **Environment Committee earned \$2764 for LNA this year.**
 - **Raffle Items Summary** (Holly will coordinate with Sami on Tax donations letters):
 - Up Yoga - 1 month unlimited Yoga pass value \$130 with little potted plant (Holly \$8)
 - 'Datenight basket' Huge Improv - \$60 gift certificate / Basket, glasses, chocolates (from Trish ~\$50), wine (from Holly \$20)
 - Hummingbird feeder (from Andrea \$10) & Potted plants (from Holly \$40)
 - Potted annuals with Fall Flower Pot delivered by Landcraft (from Trish ~ \$225)
 - 'Relax in the garden' tray - garden books, pillow, candle, bud vase, mug/tea (from Holly ~\$100)
 - Handmade natural wreath (Denise \$40) with easel, glass lantern, plant, plant tray /Holly ~\$30
 - Garden dining set (metal basket with napkins, brass silverware, vase (Trish \$70) wine, candle, vase (Holly \$35)
 - Outdoor serving set - tray, plates, cups, (Trish \$50), napkins, placemats, citronella candles (Denise ~\$45)
 - Potted Geranium, candle (Holly \$40), watering can (Trish ~ \$15)
 - Garden set - tool set (from Anna \$25), weed bucket, gloves - (Trish ~\$45)
 - Potted Elephant Ears (from Holly \$45) , Blown Glass flower (from Bryce \$25)

- Handmade Wreath (from Denise \$30) , glass candle (Holly \$12), tray (from Trish \$10), blown glass flower (from Bryce \$25)
 - Care package CBD/THC - Flipside - \$80
 - Holly reported volunteer/community participation in the planning, promoting, doing this event was much lower than needed/expected so need to take this into consideration for future events. Significant challenges with communication, so looking for ideas on how to improve.
 - Also would like to see more involvement of Community Garden participants in our fundraising activities since our efforts are aimed at supporting LNA's ability to continue to own/operate these properties.
- **Pollinator Grant Recipient Review -**
 - Kelly has reported she cannot complete this task, the new leader is now Josef - Holly will provide info to Josef to begin review. Please reply to indicate interest in helping. Per grant requirements we need to visit the grant recipient's garden to ensure plants are being maintained.
- **Maintenance of Pillsbury Pollinator Garden -** LNA Environment Committee committed to the maintenance of this garden with the grant we received to install it last year. Andrea has created a [signup sheet](#) for helping at the LNA office garden and the Pollinator garden. So far this season ZERO people have signed up or participated at Pillsbury Pollinator Garden except Holly, Dense, and Andrea have all of the watering/weeding (similar to last year), and Trish/Holly recently helped planting more donated native plants to fill in some gaps. *Please sign up to help and/or contact me if you are able to participate here.*
- **Fall Litter Outta Lyndale - Saturday September 14 10am -Noon. Josef Oreskovich is the leader.**
 - Need to check on supplies inventory in the basement and order more as needed.
 - Small budget for some snacks/beverages - coordinate with Sami
 - Based on feedback from the last event - need to include businesses - Create/distribute flyers inviting local businesses to participate. Probably need to order extra supplies if we are going to drop off for participating business.
 - Combine with Storm Sewer Adopt-a-drain? (Chirstina McHenry signed up to lead this part)
- **Continue Review of 2024 Work Plan:**
 - Install/maintain SNAC Building Boulevard Garden (Shannon design) need to write CAP for planning/funding. Design/plan Fall 2024 with potential install Spring 2025 but will coordinate with other potential building maintenance.
 - Fall Home Energy Conservation Workshop - not doing this year due to lack of volunteer capacity, but will consider for 2025 Work Plan IF there is enough community/volunteer support
- **Start thinking about 2025 Work Plan:**
 - Committee decided to do the Plant Sale again ~(May 31st or June 7th) at Painter Park. Plan to expand and include more donated/vegetable plants along with natives/pollinators.
 - Probably do Garden Tours in alternate years - so 2026 will be a tour that focuses more on the north and east side of Lyndale neighborhood. Need to figure out a better plan to involve more committed people to participate - otherwise should not do.
 - **Spring Litter Outta Lyndale - Saturday April 19th 10-noon** (Earth day is April 22, 2025)
 - **Fall Litter Outta Lyndale - coincide with National CleanUp Day Saturday September 20 ?**
 - Fall Energy Workshop - Discuss next meeting
 - Recruitment - Need more community engagement to support environmental/sustainability activities.
- **New Environment Committee Chair -** Lisa Lewis has agreed to be Chair YAY! - Please keep an eye out for emails from her in the future.