

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association
Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Attendees: Janet Hallaway, Anita Tabb, Kathy Byrn, Brian Austin, Jimmy Fogel, John Gridely, David Weinstein, Craig Wilson, Dan Aronson, Maggie Thurer, Brian Meeker, Marty Broan, David Schelzel, Melissa Townley, Jolane Jones, Janis Clay

Guests: Sara Peterman

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by President Janet Hallaway, noting a quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Election of Officers: Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously that the LHNA shall reelect Janet Hallaway as President, and shall elect David Weinstein as Vice President, Janis Clay as Secretary, and Dan Aronson as Treasurer.

Burch Pharmacy space: Concern was raised about the visual impact of the large now vacant Burch Pharmacy space. A motion was made and seconded to form a subcommittee, authorized to spend up to \$1000, to investigate options to add visual interest, such as art, to the windows. All approved. Brian Meeker, David Weinstein, and Craig Wilson agreed to serve on the committee.

Kenwood Park/Lowry Hill Sidewalk: LHNA has been involved in an ongoing effort since 2003 to get a sidewalk built along Kenwood Park linking Lowry Hill with the Kenwood Park playground, Kenwood School, and the baseball diamonds. Last June, up to \$40,000 in NRP dollars was allocated toward this effort. It appears the cost will be closer to \$15,000, freeing the remaining funds for related efforts, such as landscaping.

Committee Updates on Current Projects

Zoning and Planning: David Weinstein discussed potential tools to protect the historic character of the neighborhood, such as designation as a historic district or conservation district, and efforts to improve the commercial part of the neighborhood, such as adding landscaping to the bus stop near the Walker.

Environment: Craig Wilson discussed greening and softening the Walker bus stop. He described efforts to improve Thomas Lowry Park, in cooperation with the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, including major upgrade of the irrigation system. Other initiatives could include affordable green housing and curbside collection of organic matter for composting, such as the pilot project in Linden Hills.

Lake of the Isles Renovation: Marty Broan discussed the Lake of the Isles renovation project, which is nearing completion. A meeting of LHNA will be scheduled during the summer to review and approve a report on the project.

Crime and Safety: More progress is needed to recruit block leaders to serve as information conduits, primarily via email. Janet Hallaway prepared a map marking blocks that have leaders. We will need a new chair for this committee.

Communication: Janet Hallaway gave an update. Most Board members last year wrote an article for the Hill and Lake Press, a great vehicle for communicating. She encouraged this year's Board to do the same. Melissa Townley will work on improving and updating the LHNA website. Madeleine Lowry is no longer on the Board, but is graciously willing to prepare and send E-Blasts.

Light Rail: Craig Wilson volunteered to be the LHNA representative in connection with planning and design of the Van White light rail stop in northern Lowry Hill.

Walker Library: A representative is needed to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Walker Library. Janet will send Board members further information on this.

John Gridely brought copies of the Treasurers Report, which he presented at the LHNA Annual Meeting on May 18, 2010. New Treasurer Dan Aronson will obtain check signing authority at Central Bank.

The Board will resume regular meetings next September. A meeting will be scheduled over the summer to review and approve the report on the Lake of the Isles renovation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Janis Clay, Secretary