

Date: January 3, 2023

Location: Zoom

Time Meeting Called to Order after Quorum: 7:05PM by President Charles Scheiderer.

Board Members Present: Charles Scheiderer (President); Sue Westerman (Treasurer); William Goodnow (Secretary); Fran Davis; George Montague; David Bjork; Jennifer Wirick Breitinger; Anne Nelson; John Lillehei, MD.

Other Attendees: Council member Lisa Goodman, Inspector Katie Blackwell, and several other neighborhood Zoom participants.

Minneapolis City Council Update

Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman provided an update. Lisa started by honoring the passing of Jean Dietrich of the Hill & Lake Press. The new Chief of Police, Brian O'Hara, will be present at the next *Lunch with Lisa* which was moved to February 1, 2023 (12pm-1pm at St. Thomas). The following *Lunch with Lisa* will be held on February 22. Three variances at 919 Kenwood Parkway were approved by the Board of Adjustments. Lisa reminded residents to complete snow shoveling within 24 hours of accumulation. The police buyback organized by Cam Winston was approved during the last City Council meeting of 2022 and the new City Budget was approved as well.

Minneapolis Police Department Update

5th Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell provided an update. For the City of Minneapolis at large in the year 2022, there was a decrease year-over-year from 2021 in violent crime though property crimes (robberies and auto thefts) increased. The MPD recovered over 2000 guns off of the Minneapolis streets during 2022.

For Lowry Hill specifically in 2022, there were 23 robberies and 67 auto thefts. The 2022 peak hour for robberies in Lowry Hill was 10PM and the peak hours for crimes overall were between 5PM and 10PM Sunday-Friday. In the month of December 2022, there were zero robberies in Lowry Hill. There were three auto thefts in December 2022, however, 2/3 of which were KIAs and Hyundais. The MO was to break the passenger window, strip the steering column, and start the vehicle by manipulating the starter. Four vehicles were damaged in attempted thefts. Catalytic converter thefts have increased with six in December four of which were stolen at Parade Stadium between 10:30AM and 5PM on weekdays. There was a 3rd degree assault near Parade Stadium in which two homeless persons fought over a sleeping bag.

Crime & Safety Update

Treasurer Sue Westerman gave an update on the Crime & Safety Meeting and other matters. The Safety Meeting was successful and valuable to the neighborhood

residents. The meeting focused on initiatives the City and neighborhood have established to address crime. Sue is engaging in preliminary communications to organize the Safety Walking group. The goal for the Safety Walks is one evening once a month starting in February or March. Sue did not have the December Crime Report available.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sue Westerman gave an update on the final budget for 2022 and distributed an overview (pictured below). Several donations were made during and after the Crime & Safety Meeting and we received an unexpected surge in donations on 12/30 and 12/31 in which 13 donations came in for approximately \$1600. We totaled approximately \$4500 in donations for the year 2022 which is higher than previous years. Parenthetically, Sue confirmed that the donations website does produce an automatic email receipt following a donation as we have had problems with that in the past.

LHNA funding for 2022 came mostly from two sources: the Neighborhood Network Fund (NNF) provided \$20,000 and the Equitable Engagement Fund (EEF) provided \$8,772. The NNF paid for most of our administrative expenses (insurance, supplies, annual meeting, mailings, Zoom, website, PO box, Hill & Lake Press monthly ads, etc.). The NNF went primarily to events and outreach (e.g. permits, supplies, and additional advertising).

In 2022, as in previous years, LHNA prepaid certain expenses for 2023 to prevent loss of unused funds (the amount of money we are allowed to carry forward to a subsequent year is limited to no more than 10% of our total budget for that year). In December 2022, we prepaid for all of our 2023 professional services and for all of the monthly Hill & Lake Press ads we plan to run in 2023. Following prepayment of expenses for 2023, \$8000 of our remaining 2022 funding was used to prepay for two additional sets of ads in the Hill & Lake Press. The rationale for the purchase of \$8000 of additional ad space in HLP was to align our funding with the Equitable Engagement Plan in which we stated that we would use EEF funds to reach renters and new residents in order to increase LHNA engagement with those demographics. Now that HLP is delivered to renters via bulk mail, the advertisements reach every household in Lowry Hill making it our best tool to engage with renters and new residents directly. To be clear, the additional funds prepaid to HLP are for ad space that is in addition to our regular monthly ads.

Sue noted that in 2022 we received almost \$29,000 in funding and in 2023 we expect to have \$20,000. The reduction in funding will require some austerity measures and a renewed focus on fundraising. George Montague asked for clarification on expenses listed under accounts payable for which we received invoices in 2022 but had not delivered funds. George's concern was that the city may not allow us to record those as 2022 expenses if we did not actually pay for them in 2022. Sue responded that, per conversations with the accountant and

historical precedent, she does not believe that the city will take issue with our 2022 accounts payable.

2022 Minneapolis Budget - Neighborhood Network Fund & Equitable Engagement Fund

#	COST CATEGORY	CONTRACT BUDGET	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE COSTS TO END OF PRECEDING	TOTAL COSTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD	TOTAL COSTS THROUGH END OF REPORTING (B+C)	BUDGET BALANCE (A-D)	Comments
		A	B	C	D	E	
Citywide Neighborhood Network Fund							
1	Staff Expenses						
2	Professional Services	\$2,160.00		\$2,857.20	\$2,857.20	-\$697.20	Prepaid Accountant for 2023
3	General Liability Insurance	\$600.00				\$600.00	Insurance combined
4	Directors and Officers Insurance	\$1,500.00	\$1,684.25		\$1,684.25	-\$184.25	
5	Supplies and Materials	\$1,450.00	\$3,262.88		\$3,262.88	-\$1,812.88	Event Permits, Zoom, Mailchimp, other admin
6	Meetings and Community Building Events	\$11,255.00	\$681.88	\$9,734.73	\$10,416.61	\$838.39	Prebilled \$5,148 for monthly ads + extra \$3,600 for HLP ads. Includes annual mtg direct mail
7	Computer, Software and Programs	\$3,035.00		\$46.00	\$46.00	\$2,989.00	Mailchimp for 2 months
8	Other (describe):						
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Citywide Neighborhood Network Fund TOTAL		\$20,000.00	\$5,629.01	\$12,637.93	\$18,266.94	\$1,733.06	\$1,733.06 carry over to 2023
Equitable Engagement Fund							
10	Staffing						
11	Communications		\$1,063.67	\$5,000.00	\$6,063.67	-\$6,063.67	Prepaid \$5,000 for HLP ads
12	Events	\$8,772.57		\$1,839.10	\$1,839.10	\$6,933.47	Includes face painting, musicians, permit, sandwich sign.
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Equitable Engagement Fund TOTAL		\$8,772.57	\$1,063.67	\$6,839.10	\$7,902.77	\$869.80	\$ 869.80 carry over to 2023
CONTRACT TOTAL:		\$28,772.57	\$6,692.68	\$19,477.03	\$26,169.71	\$2,602.86	

Note: Food, beverages, possibly entertainment is excluded. This includes Walker catering, Thanksgiving pies, 3h precinct food (January)

Events Update

Events Chair Jackie Brown-Baylor was unable to attend and did not provide an update.

Communications Update

Communications Chair Tyler Ecklund-Kouba was unable to attend the meeting and did not provide an update.

Zoning Update

Zoning Chair Fran Davis provided an update along with Council Member Goodman. The three variances at 919 Kenwood Parkway were recommended for approval by the city. There is no other zoning business pending at the moment. Carla Godwin asked Fran to note a flyer she sent out to the board indicating that there are several affordable housing units available for rent at Peris currently that they are trying to fill.

Donations Update

Donations Committee Chair Nate Morris was unable to attend and did not provide an update.

Governance

Approval of November LHNA Board Meeting Minutes: approval of the December minutes was moved by Fran Davis and seconded by George Montague. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Other Issues

The board needs a Vice-President who intends to become President next year. Chas is willing to discuss the job over (free) coffee or ice cream with anyone interested.

Definitions

LHNA: Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

MPD: Minneapolis Police Department

HLP: Hill & Lake Press

NNF: Neighborhood Network Fund

EEF: Equitable Engagement Fund

As there was no further business,

Meeting adjourned by President Charles Scheiderer at 8:30 PM by motion carried.

The next LHNA Board Meeting will be held on February 7, 2023 at 7PM.

Minutes by William Goodnow

Secretary, LHNA Board