

Date: October 3, 2023

Location: Kenwood Community Center

Time Meeting Called to Order after Quorum: 7:05PM by President Thomas Regnier.

Board Members Present: Thomas Regnier (President); William Goodnow (Secretary); Chas Scheiderer; David Bjork; Jackie Brown-Baylor; Fran Davis; Anne Nelson; Jennifer Breitinger; Jon Suk.

Other Attendees: Inspector Nelson, LT McCree, Barb Davis.

Minneapolis City Council Update

Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman provided an update. Lisa brought up a local robbery that occurred in an alley near 21st and Lake of the Isles Parkway. A woman driving a vintage Maserati was robbed and carjacked while she was pulling into her garage. The police are paying close attention to the situation and “dusted for fingerprints.” Lisa has around 100 days remaining in her tenure as a council member. The next and final Lunch with Lisa will be in November. December 14 is her retirement party at the Armory. Fall street sweeping was pushed back one week this year and will start October 17 for five weeks thereafter. Early voting is underway at 980 E Hennepin and by mail. A recent change in state law allows more people statewide to vote (40,000 to 50,000 more). A new Community Safety Commissioner was appointed by Mayor Jacob Frey. Lisa will be back in November.

Minneapolis Police Department Update

Minneapolis Fifth Precinct Police Inspector Christie Nelson and LT McCree provided an update. LT McCree spoke first. Starting in September, high end cars started being targeted for carjacking (many Audis). There are three to four groups of juveniles aged 13-15 that are believed to be responsible. One group is connected to a homicide. The police officers suggested that we drive away or run a red light even if you are attempting to escape a carjacking. Scream/yell and make noise. Suggested backing into driveways v going in front first. The carjackers often display guns but they have not used guns yet. If you see juveniles with masks on, call the police. There was a carjacking of a DFL party official in North Minneapolis that made national news. LT Nelson spoke as well. Groups are staging fake accidents, waiting for people to stop, and then producing guns and carjacking them. The cameras at Franklyn/Logan are installed and the cameras intended for Franklyn/Irving Douglas/Colfax are slated to be installed this week. There was an extended discussion with the officers about several specific instances of crime that occurred both within and outside the neighborhood.

Crime & Safety Update

Treasurer Sue Westerman was not in attendance. The full September crime report was distributed via email. There was a robbery at Hennepin Ave S and Franklyn Ave

W and a carjacking at 24th Hennepin. There was another carjacking in an alley on the 2300 block Lake of Isles Pkwy that was covered by Lisa Goodman. Attendance is down on Safety Walks. Next walking club is on Tuesday October 10 from 5:30 to 7pm and the following walking club is on October 21. After November Walking Club will be once a month. The full September crime report was distributed via email. Barb Davis suggested that we all subscribe to all five area neighborhood email lists for the most current updates. Barb suggested becoming "one community of five neighborhoods" and advocated that LHNA hire an admin person.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sue Westerman was not in attendance. The September treasurer's report was distributed via email. The only changers are a charge for MailChimp and we were finally invoiced for the Plaques.

Events Update

Events Chair Jackie Brown-Baylor provided an update. On October 12th from 7pm to 8:30pm at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church there will be a candidate forum where all of Ward 7 candidates will attend and answer questions. The forum is organized by the Minneapolis League of Women Voters. You can submit questions in advance and they will be vetted and posed to each candidate. You may submit questions via email to vote@lwvmpls.org with "Ward 7 for Neighborhood Forum" in the subject line. An unedited recording of the forum will be available online afterward.

Palio this year - it is uncertain whether Palio will happen again. Jackie suggested that we contribute financially this year but not volunteer hours. The skate party was much lower commitment and still fun.

Communications Update

Communications Chair Sarah Grundhoefer was not in attendance. The Lowry Hill Instagram is doing well. Sarah is working on curating a following by interacting with community members, local artists, etc.

Zoning

Zoning Chair Fran Davis provided an update. There is no zoning business pending.

Donation Committee Update

Donations Committee Chair Nate Morris was not in attendance.

Governance

Approval of the September 2023 Minutes: Fran Davis moved for approval, seconded by Jennifer Breitinger. No discussion. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Hiring a Board Admin: we discussed hiring an admin at length. There was consensus that it is time to start taking steps to hire an admin. Sarah and Sue will be communicating and working with the admin the most so they must be involved in the discussion. Jackie offered to reach out to the admin at the East Isles

Neighborhood Association to ask if they would be interested, what it costs, etc. Jackie will report back next month. Hiring an admin will be an agenda item next month.

Neighborhood Engagement Plan: what are we doing to update the plan. The last plan was for 2023-2024 so we do not need to do another rendition of that for another year. Talk to Ariaah Fine about what we need to do next year and when. Put the Neighborhood Engagement Plan on the Agenda for November.

Minneapolis Great Streets Program: Bob Cooper. It is an org that provides grants to non-profits. We could potentially apply for a grant but the deadline is the end of October (Monday October 30th). Potentially could be used to attract businesses to the area by offering to pay for some improvements, potentially a \$20,000 to \$50,000 grant. The money comes from the City. Wil volunteered to look into it with his legal and research background.

Moving November Meeting Due to Election Night: the next regularly scheduled meeting is on election night. We will meet on Thursday November 9th instead.

Vice-President Needed: the board remains in need of a Vice-President.

PERIS Hill Update

Carla Godwin was not in attendance but provided an update via email. Overnight remote camera monitoring is continuing at PERIS with on-site security some nights. Only one studio is not spoken for currently. There will be an open house from 5-7pm on November 2 to which the Board is invited. The YMCA of the North is now their service provider. PERIS is fundraising to add security and asked that we keep them in mind for end of year giving. Carla would really appreciate it if the board will show up for the November 2 PERIS Hill event.

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 Thomas Regnier at 8:30 PM by motion carried.

The next LHNA Board Meeting will be held at the Kenwood Community Center on November 9, 2023 at 7PM.

Minutes by William Goodnow
Secretary, LHNA Board