

Date: September 5, 2023

Location: Kenwood Community Center

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

Board Members Present: Thomas Regnier (President); Sue Westerman (Treasurer); William Goodnow (Secretary); Fran Davis; Anne Nelson; Jennifer Breitinger; John Lillehei, MD; Sarah Grundhoefer; Wil Stancil; Jon Suk.

Other Attendees: Inspector Christie Nelson, Carla Godwin.

Minneapolis City Council Update

Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman did not attend as she is in Finland. Lunch with Lisa will be held on Wednesday September 27th at U of St Thomas Terrance Murphy Hall Room 252. Lisa's office suggested we use our water sparingly due to drought conditions and to water public boulevard trees if you can. The new Community Safety Commissioner is developing a new Minneapolis Public Safety Commission.

Minneapolis Police Department Update

Minneapolis Fifth Precinct Police Inspector Christie Nelson provided an update. We have a new police inspector and we welcomed her. Inspector Nelson's experience is primarily in patrol and narcotics. She mentioned that we have a tight knit neighborhood and there are not many disputes between neighbors. In Lowry Hill for August - primarily property crime (auto thefts, burglaries) and one domestic homicide on Dupont on August 11 which was covered on the news. The KIA challenge is still going on among teenagers. In the southern part of the city, criminals are targeting high end vehicles in carjackings, especially app drivers who leave their vehicles idling while completing deliveries. There are "crews" popping up of repeat offenders who are recruiting "members" to systematically burglarize homes and vehicles. Marijuana is now legal as of August 1st. It is not a crime to sell marijuana on the street or have marijuana related paraphernalia.

Crime & Safety Update

Treasurer Sue Westerman provided an update. 18 incidents in August down from 29 in July down from August 2022 of 24 incidents. So, with exception of the murder and a "theft by swindle" scam over the phone, we are down for the month year over year. No violent crimes 6 months in a row until a reported carjacking today on 22nd and Hennepin. Allegedly, a carjacking occurred on 22nd and Hennepin today 9-5-23 in the afternoon. Police tracked down the car and the stolen phone. Still many break-ins, stolen cars in Lowry Hill. Walking club update - primarily Anne, Jennifer, and Sue and ~3 other neighbors at each event. Not a lot of participation so far and we need more marketing. Winter Safety Meeting - Sue is planning on another one with

Brian O'Hara in attendance. Sue wants to coordinate the meeting with East Isles and Kenwood. Location and timing are under consideration.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sue Westerman provided an update. Sue sent out June, July, and August expense reports. Big expenses for 2023 were prepaid so our month-to-month expenses are low. The biggest surprise was the food truck from the Ice Cream Social hitting us with a \$1600 expense. The minimum was higher than we were led to believe and not as many people bought food as we expected. "They should have just given us \$1600 worth of food." Many board members felt the food truck operators ripped us off. The money for the TLP Plaques is still set aside. We have had almost no donations, maybe one a month.

Events Update

Events Chair Jackie Brown-Baylor did not attend. Ice Cream Social went well other than the food truck costing more than expected. Fishing Event: 40-50 people attended which was almost too many. There were some families that had never fished before. Two people from the DNR came and had their hands full. Next year is set at August 17, 2024 from 2-4pm. Ice Fishing is under consideration for approximately February. We do want a fishing event next year, it was ~\$200 total cost. Sandwich boards worked well to bring people in and nobody there reported they came due to ads in the Hill & Lake Press.

More marketing is a common concern. Common to donations, event attendance, walking club, etc. The sandwich boards are effective advertising. The newspaper did not draw anyone to the fishing event. Sue suggested we need a board member who takes responsibility for the sandwich boards. Anne Nelson is going to take responsibility for the sandwich boards for the next two dates of the walking club. Sandwich board member ("Sandwich Artist?") needs to not be the Comms person or the Events person as those are large roles already.

Communications Update

Communications Chair Sarah Grundhoefer provided an update. We have 510 Instagram followers now. The website, email, and advertisements are going smoothly. Facebook is falling by the wayside as Sarah does not have a Facebook account, but Wil is willing to take charge of that. Will is also in charge of the email. We get some complaints and invoices. Invoices are forwarded to Sue and officers.

Zoning

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

Donation Committee Update

Donations Committee Chair Nate Morris did not attend.

Governance

Approval of the June 2023 Minutes: Fran Davis moved for approval, seconded by Sue Westerman. No discussion. June minutes approved by unanimous vote.

The board remains in need of a Vice-President.

PERIS Hill Update

PERIS is a 45 unit building designated as affordable supportive housing for adults who have aged out of foster care. The YMCA of the North is their new services provider. They have a new program manager who will be full-time at PERIS Hill. There will be one other full-time staff person. The goal is to have someone there 8-11pm. They have security on Friday and Saturday nights overnight. They have a camera monitoring company monitoring cameras the remaining nights. Down to four vacancies currently. They are settling two Ukrainian refugees currently. November 2nd open house 5-7PM for all who are 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 Thomas Regnier at 8:45 PM by motion carried.

The next LHNA Board Meeting will be held on October 3, 2023 at 7PM.

Minutes by William Goodnow
Secretary, LHNA Board