



Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association

04/15

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Hybrid (In-Person @ Scout Workshop + Zoom)

Board Members:

Elise Moore - President
Pete Boisclair - Vice President
Anna Berglund - Treasurer
Valerie Blomberg - Secretary
Cate Bosserman
Martha Burkett
Jackson Hampton
Alexander Johnson
Michael Byrd
~~Joshua Christensen~~
Eva Ortiz

Staff:

Jack O'Shaughnessy

Officer:

~~Jordan Peaseek~~

Guests:

Ethan Fawley - Transportation Collective
Morgan Luzier- LLSAS Greenway Murals
Derek Nelson - Technology Committee Chair

Meeting Agenda:

- Review Board Packet
 - Elise received Joshua Christianson's resignation notice this morning, which will create one additional seat in next month's election
- Call to Order & Welcome - *President*

- Welcoming statements
 - Ice breaker
- Approval of Agenda and Rules of Order - *President - Approved*
- Approval of [March 2025 Meeting minutes](#) - *Approved*
- Treasurer's Report
 - **Motion:** Treasurer's report for [March 2025](#) - *Motion passed*
 - **Motion:** approve [financial management plan](#) with the included edits - *Motion passed*
 - Pete - Steve Gallagher at NCR
 - Anna - the Financial Management Plan is very flexible and can be changed by board vote at any time
 - **Motion:** approve filing of [2024 taxes](#) - *Motion passed*
- Presentation by Ethan Fawley from Transportation Collective - Traffic Safety Camera Pilot Program (10-15 min)
 - Tickets are processed through the division of the city that handles parking tickets currently, but may move to a different department later.
 - All programs in all states lead to safety improvements, but Ethan noted that not all programs are implemented equally. His team strives to take the best of the best.
 - Concerns about general surveillance - cameras are only recording after they sense a speeding or red light running violation
 - The owner can sign a sworn affidavit saying they were not driving
 - State law says that the photos could not be used for general surveillance. We're in a new era of federal law so it's not guaranteed that a federal governing body could never demand footage from the traffic cameras
 - Jackson - could a bad actor continually sign an affidavit
 - Ethan - According to a pilot in person, it doesn't happen
 - Goals include community trust, equity, fairness in addition to safety improvements and will be reporting on multiple scores not just safety
 - Sites considered for pilot adjacent to Lowry Hill East: Hennepin/Lagoon, 26th/Lyndale, Lyndale/Groveland
 - Martha - How will this be implemented equitably, as a punitive approach to the problem. What if we're hitting lower income neighborhoods with \$40 fees?
 - Ethan - The traffic cameras will be distributed evenly for the pilot, not concentrated in specific areas.
 - Martha - Are there other non-punitive pilots in the works to improve traffic safety like bump-outs? Ethan - yes, absolutely
 - Next steps - Take the survey [here](#).
- LLSAS Greenway Mural Art Series- *Elise Moore & Morgan Luzier*

- Owner of Balance fitness studio
- LynLake Street Art Series Invites artists to put up murals on mostly private businesses in LynLake.
- My goal was to start LynLake as an art destination.
- Fundraising from corporate and family sponsors.
- Celebrates mural and letterform art.
- This year we are focusing almost entirely on the Midtown Greenway, looking at 5 bridges and about 200 artists and almost all of it will be letterform. Date: Second Weekend in July
- Before the Greenway was the Greenway, it was “the tracks” and artists had to go there to express themselves. This year we’re honoring that art form in the public realm.
- Elise - what can we do to support?
- Morgan - in years past the volunteer network has helped a lot. We would also like a Letter of Support.
- Alexander - I understand the importance of letterform. I also see that it’s been gentrified. I’m aware that there’s already some graffiti in the area you’re talking about
- Morgan - we will never paint over someone’s work, but the county will. There’s a gentrification movement, but the artists we’re inviting back for this year’s event really represent diversity in terms of age, race, gender identity, and genuinely expressing letterform art in this city 20 years ago through to today.
- Jackson - Marissa Munley to be a volunteer coordinator, confirming that Morgan is in contact.
- Morgan - It has been a show for the artists. We’re hoping that this year, putting it on the Greenway and making it very centralized, we’ll more easily be able to invite the community in.
- Pete - Could we request a mural with something like “Welcome to the Wedge.” Morgan - will make a note of that and look into the possibility.
- Martha - Could we do a July 12 bike ride? Could we get Perennial Cycle involved and get a DJ.
- Pete - any need for support on disposal of hazardous waste? Morgan - We do take care of disposal and preservation as part of our contract with the city.
- Derek - is this tagging art? Morgan - tagging is an unsanctioned act of vandalism.
- Martha - I had heard that one of the criticisms of the Midtown Greenway was that it took away the site of this letterform art form.
- Elise - would we want to put artist bios and info on our website? Morgan - yes, that would be great.
- Pete - Is the Wave Bridge on your radar? So many artists could fit there. There would be great synergy with the development of Wedge Point Park. Morgan - yes, for next year.

- CEE funding restructuring
 - We've been talking about restructuring the loan programs to better align with LHENA's goals. There was some concern about bias if we were to put loan approval to board votes, so we agreed to continue to have CEE administer to remove bias. With the proposed process, businesses can submit an application to the board as a formality. CEE handles the approval and implementation of the loan. The biggest difference from Alexander's proposal in February is that the Commercial Loan is now changing to a Commercial Grant. Another small change per CEE is that the green matching program can now no longer cover appliances since appliances can be removed from the property.
 - Elise - CEE does a lot of backend work on loan administration, collecting contractor bids, ensuring that the request for funding is valid.
 - Businesses on either side of our bordering streets are eligible for the grant.
 - Cate - Is there a conflict of interest if a family member of a board member applies?
 - Elise - No, but we're entering a tumultuous time for businesses and we want the application to be as easy as possible while also efficient (relying on CEE to administer). We plan to continue funding it. So, we're getting it approved now so we can talk about it at the Annual Meeting, during our summer events, etc.
 - Derek - notes that he previously served on a Financial Planning Committee dedicated to reallocating NRP funds, but notes that covid hit and the efforts dissolved. Alexander confirmed that the current effort is very similar to reviving this committee's efforts and purpose.
 - **Motion:** Add additional \$5,000 to CEE funding (Alexander did his math wrong):) - *Motion Passed*
 - **Motion:** Approve CEE restructuring - *Motion Passed*
- Renter pledge/annual meeting pitch (pilot program) - *Alexander, Elise*
 - **Motion:** Moving \$2,000 in NRP funds from dead area to CED programming - *Motion Passed*
 - Cannot be used for direct rent assistance (as discussed in previous board meetings)
 - Will cover things like printing (landlord outreach, welcome packets) or research work which could go into establishing a renter subsidy program)
- League of Women Voters- Co-Sponsor for LWV Ward 10 Candidate Forum
 - Have not signaled an interest in volunteers. Usually self-sufficient with volunteers, will not need to draw on LVN.
 - Queermunity is the confirmed forum location.
 - Valerie asked about neighborhood coalitions putting on candidate forums. - Will we have a policy to contribute \$200 each as more requests like this come up?

- Jackson - Elections are important, so I would be okay with up to \$1000, for example, put toward elections this year.
 - Derek - suggested that a cap could be agreed-upon for the year (or for any pilot program).
 - Jackson verified the quality of the LWV events and how they run things
 - Pete - will LHENA be listed on outreach materials? Alexander - yes.
 - **Motion:** Approve \$200 to Co-Sponsor contribution - *Motion Passed*
 - **Motion:** Sign Co-Sponsor Agreement - *Motion Passed*
- Adventure Book Update- *Elise & Derek*
 - Derek is creating a submission box for neighborhood leaders, in which events, blurbs, announcements will automatically update the relevant email reminder and the info will be consistent with the website. The widget will be embedded on the website.
 - Valerie and Elise will be on the email thread to review before next Tuesday April 19.
 - **Motion:** Approve \$500 for printing money (100 count) - *Motion Passed*
- Neighborhood Super Sale- September 13th - *Elise*
 - It used to be East Isles only, this year we get to participate too!
- Committees, Projects, Work Groups and Programs
 - Transition documents - *Elise*
 - Please please please fill out your transition document so the next board doesn't. Anna is already done so the pressure is on!
 - Community Development - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
 - There's interest from a new member - Anyone else interested if a standalone meeting time is created?
 - Also working with LVN and Marissa Munley to coordinate the artists market. Please take a flyer and post it in the neighborhood.
 - Wedge Point Park - *Cate Bosserman*
 - Updates - No contact with Colleen.
 - Valerie to reach out to Cindy Anderson and Colleen O'Dell and reference the guest presenters at the Annual Meeting.
 - LHENA Annual Meeting Planning Group Update - *Valerie, Pete, Anna, Jackson & Martha*
 - Elizabeth Schaeffer is a new elected official
 - Martha - the slide deck needs to be created and other decisions need to be made, suggests that smaller groups or one to two individuals are empowered to make decisions.
 - Joan has nominated 8 people neighborhood awards and provided writeups of their accomplishments - yay!
 - Pete suggests another annual meeting working group meeting. Valerie to plan.

- **Motion:** Buy a 5 gallon insulated coffee canteen - ~\$100-125.00 - *Pete will purchase if approved. - Motion passed*
 - Uncommon Grounds will donate \$30 gift cards each to 8 neighbor awardees.
 - Valerie - do we want a coffee *maker* instead? Pete - in this case Uncommon Grounds will be making the coffee.
- Bylaws re-write: Update and review: comments, possible amendments and updates on process for Annual meeting adoption - *Pete Boisclair and possibly representative from NCR - Neighborhood and Community Relations*
 - It's the first time in 50 years that we've updated bylaws.
 - Jack to look into free printing at Scout and via the Whittier referral.
 - Mike suggests we may have free printing
 - Jack to take care of printing 80-100 copies.
- LHENA Volunteer Network
 - Jackson - not many updates, but there will be organized socials once per month.
- Uptown Farmers Market - *Cate Bosserman*
 - Everything's going great. The group has raised a lot of money, secured major donors. Hired a market manager who is a Wedge resident. Things are getting real. Cate discussed offering SNAP with two representatives today, and is grateful there is a market manager to help navigate.
- **Motion:** Pending Minneapolis Park Board Approval, Approve the purchase/reimbursement of several dog waste bag dispenser stations (and a start-up supply of bags) for both Mueller Park and Wedge Point Park. This has been supported and recommended by MPRB Supervisor and Joan, who leads Friends of Mueller Park - *Pete Boisclair - Motion Passed*
- Environmental Committee - *Noah Cameron*
 - Updates
- Welfare & Safety Committee -
 - Updates
- Technology Committee - *Pete Boisclair, Derek Nelson*
 - Updates
 - Topic: Recommendation for LHENA to purchase and maintain at least one device, to be researched and acquired by Technology Strategy Subcommittee Budget TBD - *Pete Boisclair and Jack O'Shaughnessy* will elaborate (cell phone, iPad, back-up power banks for events, otterbox case, back-up hard drives etc)
 - Derek - this came up in a recent conversation between Jordan and Joan about Venmo payments.

- Jackson - Let's approve a shopping list of specific items and costs at a future meeting.
 - Derek - Suggests installing Venmo on one individual's phone for the 1-day Annual Meeting event. (Venmo must be tied to one device.) Jordan will take ownership of the harddrive acquisition project.
 - Valerie to find the missing charger or a new charger could be purchased.
 - Elise to text Jordan about Venmo setup on her phone.
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 - A critique from NCR of our current bylaws states that they "Do not use enough plain language and too many cases of contradictory statements."
 - Pete has a few outstanding questions for NCR. E.g. can we extend voting on the bylaws in the same Google Form we send out for the board election, and is electronic voting okay?
 - Why are we bringing this to the annual meeting. 21 day notice for general membership vote. The public will have a comment period from the floor of the annual meeting with the ability to offer an amendment, which could theoretically be voted on immediately at the meeting.
 - Pete - one accomplishment of note is a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement added. Under "boundaries" it's best practice to insert an actual map illustration, so that will be done soon.
 - The new bylaws will be based on a well-researched and well-established template. A founding board member Dennis Tuthill will also review it, along with his wife Meg Tuthill (also a former city council member and former board member).
 - Elise - suggests a dedicated email about the Annual Meeting with a link to the bylaws for the neighborhood to review.
 - LHENA fund engagement - *Martha Burkett*
 - Draft plan:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/15buyq5m7Astbkb1pjuaNlfaLB27c9xQU3xi42pT8H Aw/edit?usp=drive_link
 - Key items to confirm - go/no go, \$, timeline
- Administrative - *Jack O'Shaughnessy*
 - Early draft of Equitable Hiring Guidelines, please review and edit! Some portions are not yet completed. - *Anna*

Adjourn

Post Board Meeting - TBD