



**Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association**

**06/17**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**Hybrid (In-Person @ Scout Workshop + Zoom)**

**Board Members:**

Elise Moore - Board member  
Jacob Maueran - Board member  
Dana Miller - Board Member (remote)  
Jonah Roberson - Board member  
Martha Burkett - Board member  
Alexander Johnson - Board Member  
Joey Daniewicz - Board member  
Cate Bosserman - Board member  
~~Salma Sekkary~~ - Board member  
~~Finn McGarry~~ - Board member  
Aaliyah Murray - Board member

**Staff:**

**Officer:**

**Guests:**

Jackson Hampton - Community member (outgoing board)  
Pete Boisclair - Community member (outgoing board)  
Molly Dengler - Community member (Ella Baker)  
Ariah - NCR  
Sarah Cooper-Evans - Community member (Ella Baker)  
Valerie Blomberg (outgoing board)

**Meeting Agenda:**

- Review Board Packet
- Call to Order & Welcome - *President*
  - Welcoming statements
  - Ice breaker/Shout outs!

- Approval of Agenda and Rules of Order - *President*
  - *Moved: Elise*
  - *Approved*
- Approval of May 2025 Meeting minutes
  - *Moved: Elise*
  - *Approved*
- Treasurer's Report
  - **Motion:** Treasurer's report for May 2025
  - *Mega Mueller: roughly the same amount of money as last year, more transactions*
    - *Other notes: We have additional tents now. People seemed generally pleased with the event.*
    - *Would be a good project to catalogue what LHENA items are in the Mueller Park MPRB building.*
- Voting on Executive Board
  - Nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
  - **Motion:** Appoint 2025-2026 Executive Board
  - *Motion: Nominate Elise as President*
    - *Approved*
  - *Motion: Nominate Alexander as Vice President*
    - *Approved*
  - *Motion: Nominate Martha as Secretary*
    - *Approved*
  - *Motion: Nominate Jonah as Treasurer*
    - *Approved*
- NCR - Steve Gallagher and Ariah Fine
  - *Intro*
    - *Goal is be here for questions, technical support*
    - *NCR is a funder for the neighborhood orgs*
    - *Ariah's works with 34 neighborhoods*
    - *Team of 4 at NCR working as a support role to neighborhood orgs.*
  - *Understanding funding*
    - *Old money (NRP) - there for you to use, will not expire. When it runs out it is gone. To move this money around there is a process to follow.*
    - *New money (NCR) - current operating funds. We are expected to use it each year. We are expected to spend this and not stockpile it.*
  - *Opened it for questions*
    - *Alexander: There is a calendar invite to a citywide meeting, also info on upcoming applications. Can we all get on this invite? Ariah: will send invite*
    - *Alexander: There was a citywide pilot program on snow removal. As an example - what sorts of communication exist between NCR and other city programs? Ariah: A lot of their role is this coordination*

- *Martha: confirmed we have a handle on the deadlines*
  - *Alexander: Is neighborhoods 2020 expected to be indefinite? Ariah: tending to last every 10 years. We can expect in 2030ish they will re-look at the program, but don't expect a larger change. The only thing that Ariah expects would change would be tweaks to the program and what they are prioritizing. The funding for neighborhood orgs comes out of general fund - a little more vulnerable to budget adjustments, but likely pretty safe.*
  - *Dana: Unidos approached us wanting to do a training on ICE bystander training. Can we do this in a non-partisan way? Ariah: Knowing your rights is a non-partisan thing. Further clarification - NCR can provide guidance on how to use City dollars. There is a separate piece that is maintaining non-profit status.*
- Ella Baker Inclusive Playground project - Molly Dengler and Sarah Cooper-Evans
  - *Goal of presentation: summarize the work over the last year*
  - *Students have emailed every donor as a thank you*
  - *Project guided by types of service (research, direct service, indirect service, advocacy) - educational focus at Ella Baker*
  - *Fundraising*
    - *Bake sale, penny wars, basketball game, ella baker eagle*
    - *Two thermometers to track fundraising progress*
    - *Collaboration with other student groups, visit to school district*
    - *Part of the PEF is to host people at Ella Baker to learn more*
    - *Thinking of hosting engagement on election day*
      - *Pete: would defer to Minneapolis elections for most updated rules on what you can do at an election site*
    - *What's next for fundraisers: open streets, lemonade, chores?*
      - *Alexander: Suggest Uptown Farmers Market*
    - *Kids are going to have an elective class*
    - *Big chunk of the funding is going to a coordinator*
    - *Playground is going to be built next summer (phase 1), but the rest of the space will happen in phase 2 (designed with student engagement)*
    - *The vision is that the art and garden would be together with LHENA - neighbors would take part in some of the making of the space*
    - *Part of the PEF fund - videos on inclusive playground*
    - *Final design - voted on June 10*
    - *Question for the group: money from fundraisers, should someone from LHENA be on the contract with LHENA and the City (Elise can sign)*
- Updated Bylaws Conversation- Pete
  - *Pete re-confirmed with Steve Gallagher that any paid position will be subject to what is in the executive director section of bylaws*
  - *Pete confirmed that what was in our bylaws was what NCR recommended*
  - *Need to have 6 positions up for election every year - need 3 newly elected board members to serve a 1 year term*
- Open Streets- Elise
  - *Participation?*
- Update on Community Solar Project- Elise
  - *No updates yet from Keiko*
- Update on Staffing/LHENA Structure- Elise
  - *Jack resignation*

- Timeline- July (defining role/needs/best hiring practices), August (begin recruitment/advertisement for role)
  - Goal: Hire into new position by Fall (September-ish)
  - Welcome Derek!
    - **Motion:** Hire Derek to cover marketing contracting (\$35/hr)
      - *Approved*
    - *Derek to contract over the next 2 months*
    - *Our goal: find efficiencies in the role*
    - **Motion:** Cover backpay for when Derek started the role
      - *Approved*
    - *Cate has requested an exit interview with Jack*
    - *Derek has requested feedback on the newsletter*
- Unidos Rapid Response training- *Dana*?
  - Training inform bystanders/English-speaking citizens what they can and should do if they see an ICE raid in their neighborhood or workplace. The goal is to get as many people across the state trained, so that when there is an ICE raid, we have a hotline that alerts people in the area who can respond.
  - *LHENA is not currently committed to providing funding*
  - *LVN is not taking on the project unless there is a lead for it*
    - *Martha and Alexander will work on it*
    - *Queercommunity and Springhouse Ministries could work*
- LHENA Board Bios on Website! - *Elise*
  - Please submit a photo and write up a little bio by end of June!
  - [LHENA Board 2025 Bios](#)
- MailChimp- *Elise*
  - We are about to hit our max subscribers and need to update our package to paid version if we want to keep sending to 1000+ subscribers
  - **Motion:** Approve \$600 for yearly subscription
    - *Approved*
    - *One of Derek's projects - move LVN into mailchimp. Would also use for adventure book.*
    - *In Mailchimp it is easier to have multiple people do the newsletter.*
- Seward Neighborhood Group's Environment Committee- *Elise*
  - Want to host a discussion with other neighborhoods about the Rethinking I-94 project, the environmental impact of the freeway, and how the process has gone to date. To see where we all are and if there are ways we can work together on this issue.
  - Aiming for fall conference date
- Street Art Festival Volunteers?- *Elise*
  - Request from Damla, President of Uptown Community Coalition
  - *Confirm which festival this is and if we're already coordinating volunteers*
- Adventure Book Update- *Elise and Derek*
  - *Launching this upcoming week*
  - *Low on stock, need to reorder*
  - **Motion:** Approve addition \$500 for second round of printing
    - *Approved*
- Fund engagement - *Martha*
  - 1-3 project ideas active
  - Potentially at capacity for projects - focus on building capacity, funding what is already happening, or low effort projects like solar farm

- *From Valerie - Interview people who have already done a project. What encourages people to do a project?*
- *From Alexander - successfully executing projects gives people the faith that projects will happen.*
- *From Valerie - Science fair style thing to find champions for projects at LVN social*
- *From Pete - Aria can help facilitate how to find/execute projects*
- Flyering -
  - Discuss existing policy and what we want to do going forward
  - *Flyers for fund engagement have been removed*
- Committees, Projects, Work Groups and Programs
  - Community Development - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
    - 2 new applicants to our Home Improvements loan- Wahoo!
    - Do we have update from CEE about advertising?
  - Wedge Point Park - *Cate Bosserman*
    - Updates
  - LHENA Volunteer Network
    - Updates
  - Uptown Farmers Market - *Cate Bosserman*
    - What dates have we landed on? August 14th and ???
  - Environmental Committee - *Noah Cameron*
    - Updates
  - Technology Committee - *Pete Boisclair, Derek Nelson*
    - Updates
- Administrative - *Derek Nelson*
  - Updates

Adjourn

**Post Board Meeting** - TBD