



Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association

4/21

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Hybrid (In-Person @ 1017 W 24th St + [Google Meet](#))

Board Members:

President: *Elise Moore*

Vice President: *Joey Daniewicz*

Treasurer: *Jonah Roberson*

Secretary: *Martha Burket*

Jacob Mauren

Finn McGarrity

Dana Miller

Cate Bosserman

Julian Fernandez-Petersen

Nibir Sarma

Staff:

Executive Director: *Alexander Kurt Johnson*

Guests:

Jason Garcia

Amy Arcand

Josh Potter

Meeting Agenda:

Welcome and Administrative Business

6:00PM - 6:15PM

- Call to Order & Welcome - *President*
 - Welcoming statements
 - Ice breaker
- Approval of Agenda and Rules of Order - *President*
 - **Motion:** Approve Agenda and Rules of Order
 - *Approved*

- Approval of March Meeting minutes
 - **Motion:** Approve March Meeting minutes
 - *Approved*
- Treasurer's Report - *Jonah Roberson*
 - **Motion:** Treasurer's report for March
 - *Executive director position to be funded with historic NRP funds*
 - **Report approved**
 - Other News and Updates
- Executive Director Update - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
 - Report for March
 - *Paypal admin transfer is complete*
 - *24 t-shirts ordered for annual meeting*
 - *Xcel meter trace is still in progress*
 - *We have two signs replaced for event use*
- Summary of Virtual Votes since last meeting - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
 - 3/20 MOTION: Act as a fiscal sponsor for the Whittier Wolfpack's rental assistance initiative
 - PASSED
 - 3/18 MOTION: Approve and submit our 990EZ and Charities Review Annual Report.
 - PASSED

Board Agenda Items

6:15PM - 8:00PM

- Presentation about updated Lyndale Ave Reconstruction plans - *Amy Arcand and Josh Potter*
 - **Motion:**
 - *We are in Phase 4 of the project*
 - *Last fall - released a plan, made changes*
 - *Biggest change - no more shared use path*
 - *Feedback closes end of the week*
 - *Key milestone for this project - need Minneapolis City approval (aiming for June)*
 - *Project will be bid fall of 2027, will start construction march of 2028 (1 year delay)*
 - *Delay allows businesses to recover from tough conditions in start of 2026*
 - *Anticipate construction will be 2-3 years*

- *Construction could be like Hennepin (shut down segments), or like Franklin (keep lane open, longer timeline)*
- *Conversation on staging late summer, early fall*
- *15569+ points of contact*
- *Themes from Phase 4 feedback*
 - *Shared-use path: Significant concerns. People wanted dedicated path.*
 - *Parking: Mixed feedback (tradeoff between parking and transit/biking)*
 - *Business vitality and vibrancy: Emphasis on preserving patios, outdoor dining. Keeping it as a lively, people-centered corridor*
 - *Safety: crossings and speed control*
 - *Transit: stronger transit priority*
 - *They have BRT on their minds*
 - *Have street ready for stops*
 - *If transit slows down - further engagement on reallocation of street space*
 - *Once-in-a-lifetime project: People view this as a once-in-a-lifetime project*
- *Key changes in the refined design*
 - *2 way separate bikeway*
 - *Bikeway aligned to avoid trees*
 - *Space for future northbound transit lane between 31st St and 28th St. Parking lanes standard size everywhere else*
- *Questions*
 - *Is there a plan to replant canopy? Answer: 55 trees impacted (about 20 mature and healthy). After construction 80-90 locations with new trees. Expect more trees after construction.*
 - *Why doesn't the bikeway go south of 28th? Answer:*
 - *28th St will be converted to 2 way bikeway this year. Long term plan to make that conversion further west as well (minimum to Bryant).*
 - *Bridges are unique. From the 1980s. Still analyzing how much can be done on the bridge.*
 - *Got pushback at the path ending on 29th.*
 - *Wanted to retain space for transit*

- *Why isn't more being done for transit with this design? Answer: Transit is in the future because it hasn't been included in engagement prior to this point*
 - *Questions from Julian:*
 - *Answer: Closing Ridgewood access from Lyndale is tough for fire trucks. Will likely be raised crossings.*
 - *Answer: Medians wider than 7', will look at greening. Driven by maintenance. Showing it as concrete to manage expectations.*
 - *Side question: Medians & emergency vehicle access. Medians are mountable so fire/police can go over them*
 - *Answer: Every existing sidewalk and patio has been retained. Will look further at Nightingale for appropriate green space. Preference is having bikeway away from the street.*
 - *Questions: Where are the benches? Answer: Benches only maintained in special service districts.*
 - *Another side note: Should pass a resolution about the project. Lyndale Neighborhood Association has passed a resolution.*
- (7:30PM) Presentation about MPRB Mall Project - *Jason Garcia*
 - Jason Garcia, District 4 park board commissioner
 - First 2 and a half months - emergency response
 - Trying to make sure ICE wasn't staging in parks land
 - In the midst of all that - trying to do business
 - Mall project
 - In 2019, there was a Community Advisory Council that studied the park
 - Project got bumped back, but then last year met council needed to do sanitary work which would disturb the area. Opportunity to change how the mall space was used.
 - Park board voted to suspend the project
 - This year, reached back out to met council for info on timeline and plans. As of now staff is in talks with met council but expecting to hear something by the end of April.
 - Community engagement in 2019 was a lot of meetings in the adjacent neighborhoods

- From Nibir: Would there be community input if process starts again?
From Jason: Yes, there would be more.
 - From Valerie: How find common ground? From Jason: It's historically been a 50/50 divide between people for and against the project. Jason has been able to bridge the gap by talking about the parks as a system. Something everyone can agree on is that we want the best possible park system for future generations. Creating as many areas of park use of park land will serve us all going forward. Construction costs are only going to go up. Having a governmental entity willing to spend the money now is an opportunity for the green space to happen.
 - From Cate: Have discussions about the mall overlapped with discussions about the adjacent buildings? From Jason: This is on the City's radar.
 - Wedge Point Park
 - Jason Garcia has been pushing on this
 - Limited number of staff who can do the planning projects
 - This was one of the things that motivated them to run
 - This year - MPRB is in a planning year, setting priorities. Acquiring Wedge Point Park is something they want to prioritize.
 - No official movement on it at this point
 - How can we be kept in the loop on this? Jason is a little bit restrained as to what updates they can pass along. Being on Jason's mailing list is a good way to stay in the loop. Jason will reach out as soon as there's concrete things.
 - Ask from Alexander - before annual meeting can someone please provide an update on timeline so we have something to share with the community?
 - Cate notes we have been working with Colleen Odell - we have done engagement work so far and can pass along.
 - Ask from Martha - Jason can ask about using the fire hydrant as water source for garden in the park.
- Discussion of LHENA AI Policy - *Cate Bosserman*
 - **Table this for June board meeting**
 - *Can pick up at committee workshop*
- Discussion of Plan Mod for re-allocation of [Herkimer Funds](#) - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
 - *We have about \$500000 reserved for Herkimer Funds.*
 - *We have to give a 21 day notice*

- *Once community vote is done, if it passes it will be up to NCR to determine that this will be an appropriate use of funds. We expect that this will be an allowable expense.*
 - *If community fund does not pass, we will be out of funding by end of May. Could cover a little longer.*
 - *\$140000 should cover about 2 years.*
 - *Any movement of funds under \$25000 does not require a vote, just a plan modification form.*
 - *No board action required right now*
 - *We will need to have 25 community members vote. If there are not 25 votes, will need to do an online poll.*
 - *Alexander was imagining a floor vote.*
 - *Elise will host the community vote.*
 - *Elise will take a picture to document*
- Endorsement Request from MIRAC for May Day immigrant/worker rights protest
 - **Motion:** Endorse MIRAC May Day Event
 - *Approved*
 - **Motion:** Make a \$100 contribution
 - *Approved*
- Annual meeting
 - Annual Meeting Presentation 2026
 - *Board responsibilities - go through and comment on slides*
 - *Red circle means it isn't finished*
 - *Update slides that pertain to you*
 - *We will have an ASL interpreter at the meeting*
 - *Elise to set up board voting form, will send to Cate*

Committee and Working Group Updates

8:00PM - 8:30PM

- Wedge Point Park - *Cate Bosserman*
 - Ongoing discussions between MPRB and Minneapolis legal council on details of agreement. Additional update expected before May 2nd meeting.
- Uptown Farmers Market - *Cate Bosserman*
 - New location due to construction– Mozaic Plaza by Lagoon Theatre. Working on fundraising & getting up to capacity with volunteers & staff.

- Fiscal Sponsorships - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
 - **Ella Baker PTSO**
 - Technically not a Fiscal Sponsor, working on spend down of grant
 - **Ella Baker FSF**
 - Consistently helping about 25 families a week with groceries
 - *Joyce provides groceries*
 - *Volunteer-run on Saturday*
 - Distributed \$199,306.02 in Rent Support so far
 - **Whittier Wolfpack Mutual Aid**
 - Distributed \$62,637.00 in Rent Support so far
 - **House of Possibilities (People's Garden)**
 - About \$2,500 raised so far
 - May 16th Benefit Fundraiser at Dreamstate Cafe!
 - **LynLake Art Series**
 - Awarded a 2026 Art Experiences Grant (\$35,000)
- LHENA Volunteer Network -
 - FoodShare
 - *LVN has over 402 on mailing list (up from 346 in February)*
 - *60 volunteers for food share in Feb*
 - *March social had 55 attendees (36 new to LVN)*
 - *April social is 7-9 at Baba's*
 - *Meet raffle is happening in January*
- Environmental Committee -
 - 5/16: Sign up to volunteer for people's garden fundraiser
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BACAD29A5FC1-63628208-peoples>)
 - 5/17: Mueller garden work day
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BACAD29A5FC1-63400669-spring#/>)
 - Garden watering all summer:
(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BACAD29A5FC1-63634667-mueller#/>)
 - Trash pickup was a success!
- Welfare & Safety Committee -
 - Updates
- Technology Committee - *Derek Nelson*
 - Updates
- Community & Economic Development - *Julian Fernandez-Petersen*
 - Updates

Adjourn

Post Board Meeting - TBD