



Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association

8/18/2026

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*

Pranay Bhargava

Finn McGarrity

Zoë Cantu

Syd Fox

Julian Fernandez-Petersen

Preston Locke

Staff:

Alexander Kurt Johnson

Guests:

Colleen O'Dell

Carl Klimah

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 July Meeting minutes
 - **Motion:** Approve July Meeting minutes
 - Approved
- Treasurer's Report - *Jonah Roberson*
 - **Motion:** Treasurer's report for July
 - Dennis' rates are in line with the state of the market
 - New contract negotiation guidelines and process
 - Treasurer's report **approved**
 - Other News and Updates
- Staff Update - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
 - Report for July
 - *Signed up for Open Streets Hennepin*
 - *\$392 fundraised in July*
 - *350 responses to the survey*
 - *Finn - we should start thinking about a sustainer fundraising plan*
 - *Elise - we should start planning around GTTMD*
- Summary of Virtual Motions since July
 - **(7/2) MOTION:** send letter of support asking Minneapolis Business, Housing & Zoning committee to approve the vacation of lots targeted for acquisition by MPRB to become Wedge Point Park
 - APPROVED
 - **(7/8) MOTION:** Approve and send Alexander's drafted letter of support for the LynLake Street Art Series
 - APPROVED

Board Agenda Items

6:15PM - 8:00PM

- Update on Wedge Point Park - *Colleen and Carl (MPRB)*
 - Wedge Point Park
 - Considering purchasing two parcels at the north end of the neighborhood to make a park
 - South parcel - has existing Xcel utility easement
 - Similar in size to other parks
 - Parks this size are usually more of a naturalized space than playground equipment
 - Purchasing the park has been somewhat unconventional - retaining walls and contamination
 - Phase I environmental review completed, Phase II recommended

- Disposing of contaminated soil can be expensive
 - Funding: There is normal sort of levy funding, and also \$1 million of park dedication funding
 - About \$400000 for Phase II ESA at Wedge Point
 - Constraint is not money, but is the environmental piece
 - Hoping to get purchase agreement done this year
- Mueller Park
 - Money is slated for 2027 and 2028
 - Plan calls for:
 - eco-friendly approach, more woods to the south
 - Expanding recreational center for non-permeable surfaces
 - Plan calls for re-expanding basketball court
 - Renovations to wading pool
 - Carl is going to send over the plan - total is \$3.5 million
 - So some of the plan can be funded but not all of it
 - Money will come in 2 waves. Total is about \$1.47 million allocated over the next two years
 - Will have a project manager starting in 2027
 - Generally like to stick to the confines of the plan
 - Questions
 - There was engagement for the original plan
 - Further engagement is Carl coming to more meetings, potentially getting other community input
 - Right now the plans are conceptual
 - MPRB will do outreach for Mueller Park
- Blood Drive Update - *Martha (Memorial) and Zoë (Red Cross)*
 - Zoë met with Red Cross so we would have info for the future
 - Indoor would have more availability
 - Next steps
 - Checking in with venue
 - Zoë has a community interest form we can start distributing
 - Halloween themed?
 - Zoë can lead outreach
- CEE Updates pending signature
 - \$10,000 moved from Closed End/Revolving to Commercial Grant
 - Language changed to per parcel instead of per applicant
 - No action needed from board

- We have given out 3 or 4 CEE loans this summer
- Amend People's Garden Fiscal Sponsorship
 - "By mutual agreement, the sponsor would like to extend this agreement to include sponsorship of the sponsored organization's work within The Ministry of Manifestation (community art programming)"
 - WHY? Some grants require more detail around "Project", the House of Possibilities includes the People's Garden and the Ministry of Manifestation (By mutual agreement, the sponsor would like to extend this agreement to include sponsorship of the sponsored organization's work within The Ministry of Manifestation (community art programming). This change reflects the additional programming within HoP that does not fall under the People's Garden.
 - Motion: Approve contract amendment
 - Approved
- Accounting and Bookkeeping Hiring Search - *Alexander*
 - **Motion:** Sign and accept the 2026 bookkeeping contract renewal submitted by Dennis Fazio. - *Jonah*
 - Approved
- Porchfest
 - Historically, LHENA has been the fiscal sponsor but no contract was signed
 - The only year we received an admin fee was when we did PEF
 - Discussions are ongoing about admin fee. We had asked for \$400 for this year and discussions around admin fee for future
 - Porchfest currently uses LHENA accountant
- Proposed modification to executive director contract, reducing hours to 35 hours a week and reducing salary - *Alexander and Elise*
 - Nonprofit board members are typically expected to fundraise
 - Health insurance expected to go up -> can we have a contract that is flexible for that?
 - Next committee workshop: opportunity to structure fundraising
 - Elise will talk to Alexander
- New Business & Announcements
- Order hats?
 - Would change color, but order 10 to start
 - **Motion:**
- Super sale plan!
 - At the office 9-3
 - Just doing clothes

- Board members can bring other things to sell at their discretion

Committee and Working Group Updates

8:00PM - 8:30PM

- Wedge Point Park -
- Uptown Farmers Market -
- PEF Partners
 - Ella Baker Inclusive Playground
- LHENA Volunteer Network -
 - FoodShare
 - *Social at the end of September - 3rd annual Oddtoberfest*
 - *October*
 - *Halloween in the Park*
 - *House party - industrial sized hot dog roller (10/14)*
 - *Guided trick or treat experience on Halloween*
 - *Win a prize for going to houses*
 - *And Halloween after party*
- Environmental Committee -
 - Trash pickup 8/16
 - Garden is growing, fall event 10/3. First trial run with food share 8/22.
 - Proposed education events over winter
- Safety & Welfare Committee -
 - Updates
- Technology Committee -
 - Updates
- Community & Economic Development - *Julian and Pranay*
 - Updates

Adjourn

Post Board Meeting - TBD