Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association
9/15
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:

Meeting Agenda:

Welcome and Administrative Business
6:30PM - 6:45PM

- 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 August Meeting minutes
  - **Motion**: Approve August Meeting minutes

        - *Approved*
- Treasurer's Report - *Jonah Roberson*
    - **Motion**: Treasurer's report for August
    - Other News and Updates
        - *Approved*
- Executive Director Update - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
    - Report for August
- Summary of Virtual Motions since August
    - 8/25 - Adopt new contract for Executive Director - APPROVED
    - 8/27 - MPRB Fee Schedule Proposal - APPROVED

Board Agenda Items
6:45PM - 8:00PM

- Holidays on Hennepin - *Valerie Blomberg*
    - *6500+ passports distributed in 2025*
    - *This year includes Lyndale, Lake*
    - *Asks for LHENA*
        - *Need help recruiting businesses*
            - *The one pager we got is how we can outreach*
            - *Valerie to share pdf*
            - *Sign up here: https://www.holidaysonhennepin.com/volunteer*
        - *Need donors (hoping for $15000)*
        - *Need volunteers (sign up for volunteering): also sign up here https://www.holidaysonhennepin.com/volunteer*
        - *Need social media support*
    - *Could LHENA do an event in collab with Holidays on Hennepin. Build on holiday walking tour?*
- Porchfest Fiscal Sponsorship - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
    - **Motion**: Approve Fiscal Sponsorship Contract
        - *Approved*
    - *This is our standard contract. Expect around $450-$500, will cover Dennis' fees*
- LHENA 2026 Donor Report - *Alexander Kurt Johnson*
- Resolution Request - Opposing Data Center Construction in LHE
    - Sign? And if so, on behalf of LHENA or the LHENA Board?
    - **Motion: Resolve that LHENA opposes the development of data centers in LHE…**
    - *Zoë went to meeting with Unidos:*

        - *Pressing need was opposing data center in Star Tribune building - resolved*
        - *Our need is planning how to respond*
        - *Asks:*
            - *Research on data centers*
            - *Help with outreach to spread awareness, social media*
            - *Host house parties to talk about data centers, temperature check*
        - *Unidos is aiming to bring a Community Beneficiaries Agreement (CBA) to Mayor Frey*
        - *Unidos wants to finalize CBA by end of this week*
        - *10/3 and 10/13 there are two public meetings. Moratorium ends end of November*
    - *Elise is curious what other neighborhoods are going to propose*
    - *From Joey - the original draft does not demonstrate knowledge of the topic. There are some vague statements that need backup.*
    - *Zoë's understanding was that the CBA was not going to be blankly opposed to data centers.*
    - *Neighborhoods do not sign on to CBA. It is what the data center developer signs onto*
    - *Finn is more concerned around the process than the outcome (data center). We have more value shaping a CBA.*
    - *Next step: Tabled until we see the CBA*
- Fundraising
    - GTTMD and impact report in progress
        - *Meet next Tuesday at Martha's apartment*
    - Super sale 9/19
- Strategic retreat
    - Last (and only) strategic plan was 2019-2021
    - Go / no - go decision: Is there value to further strategic planning? What specifically would we want to accomplish?
        - If it seems worthwhile: Proposed concept from Martha would be 3 meetings, each 1-1.5 hours. Survey to pick which days, likely a mix of weekends and week nights from Jan-March. Invite to board, LVN leads, committee co-chairs. Topics would potentially include team-building, discussion of survey results, collaborative event calendar
    - *What would goals be if we did a strategic retreat?*
        - *Zoë - have a discussion of goals*

            - *We had talked about doing goal setting at the start of this year*
            - *Elise - we could read old strategic plan*
            - *Martha - go through survey*
            - *Finn - would be valuable for us, we don't need to overthink it. Could use it as a chance to plan/risk manage if funding runs out. What is the work we want to do?*
        - *Zoë can send survey to set the dates*
        - *Close survey by October 15th, have printouts at Open Streets*
        - *Concerns over how much would be on agenda*
        - *Finn - proposes 3 hour meeting*
        - *Elise - we can keep it broader*
        - *Wrap-up: Zoë to send survey on dates, aim for November, 3-hour meeting. We will put agenda together at next committee workshop*
        - *Invite: LHENA board, LVN co-chairs, committee co-chairs, others interested in leadership*
- Passing along feedback from committee co-chair - *Martha*
    - *Current role is pretty independent. We do have transition documents and one pagers.*
    - *From Preston - could we assign a buddy system?*
    - *Elise can liaison to Safety and Welfare*
- Supersale Shoutout- Home stretch!- *Elise*
- New Business & Announcements

Committee and Working Group Updates
8:00PM - 8:30PM

- Wedge Point Park -
- Uptown Farmers Market - *Next year winter events*
- PEF Partners
    - Ella Baker Inclusive Playground
- LHENA Volunteer Network -
    - FoodShare
    - *LVN has lots of fun stuff coming up in October!*
- Environmental Committee -
    - Trash pickup 9/20
    - Garden cleanup 10/3
- Safety & Welfare Committee -
    - Updates

        - *Harm reduction training 9/21*
    - Technology Committee -
        - *Website training for board members? Zoë can help!*
    - Community & Economic Development - *Julian and Pranay*
        - Updates
        - *Last month - built a list of CED contacts, now there is a CED email list*
        - *Next project: bus stop inventory, add benches (like the good chair project?)*

Adjourn

Post Board Meeting - TBD